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## NAZIS PENETRATE BRITISH POSITION WEST OF CANEA: SERIOUS BATTLE FOLLOWS N. Z. COUNTER-ATTACK

IN THE MALEMI AREA, FOLLOWING THE ARRIVAL OF ADDITIONAL AIRBORNE REINFORCEMENTS, THE GERMANS, UNDER COVER OF AN INTENSIVE AIR BOMBARDMENT, DELIVERED A STRONG ATTACK AGAINST OUR TROOPS WEST OF CANEA, STATES A REUTER MESSAGE.

ALTHOUGH THE ENEMY SUSTAINED HEAVY CASUALTIES, PENETRATION OF OUR POSITION WAS MADE.

NEW ZEALAND FORCES DELIVERED A COUNTER-ATTACK AND SEVERE FIGHTING IS CONTINUING.

A Middle East communique states that at Heraklion and Retimo there is no change in the situation.

On the Libyan front there is nothing of importance to report at Tobruk. Vigorous patrolling is continuing in the Sollum area where our artillery has also been active.

## GERMANS STOP USING GLIDERS IN CRETE

"The Germans have stopped using gliders. There may be several reasons for it but one possible reason may be that their supply of gliders and glider pilots is not inexhaustible," said MAJOR ALLEN MURRAY when he broadcast from London last night.

"The conflict in Crete is now in its seventh day but as yet neither side can claim any decided balance of advantage. On the other hand, I am pretty certain that it is a disadvantage to the enemy that on the seventh day this assault should still be going on.

"I don't underestimate its progress in the least but the rate can scarcely be satisfactory to the enemy. He is doing his utmost to extend and exploit his foothold in the Malemi area but he has not been able to consolidate himself in Crete.

## CIVIL DEFENCE EXPENDITURE OF BRITAIN

Civil defences, including A.R.P. shelters, cost Britain £29,000,000 for the financial year ending Mar. 31, 1941, according to the report of a Select Committee, says Reuter.

It is planned to build deep shelters for London and it is hoped to complete the work by next winter.

The shelters will accommodate 90,000.

### VERY APPRECIATIVE

"We here are very conscious and appreciative of what is being done by our people thousands of miles away and every bit fits into the complex mosaic of our war effort, and is of tremendous importance," said MAJOR ALLEN MURRAY, B.B.C. commentator, when he referred in a broadcast from London last night to the War Weapons Week.

Major Murray said that the total was expected to be £120,000,000 which was £20,000,000 more than the sum aimed at. This was a really wonderful effort.

### RUNNING SHORT

CAIRO, May 26 (Reuter)—Canea has reported three hours without bombing and there are also signs that the Germans are running short of parachute troops.

This is the latest news from Crete in which the whole situation appears little changed this afternoon.

## RAJAH APPEALS TO LEADERS

SIMLA, May 26 (Reuter)—The Rajah of Salampur appeals to all Indian leaders to suspend differences for the period of the war and unite for the defence of the country, urges the dissolution of all political parties and everyone to do his bit for victory without which "India will never gain anything."

The British have taken several hundred German prisoners during the fighting in Crete.

There are reports that German planes have landed tanks in Crete, but there is no definite evidence of them having been in contact with British forces.

In Iraq, British planes have done a certain amount of bombing of the enemy forces about Ramadi which is another point for the crossing of the Euphrates River. Taken on the whole, Sunday was again a quieter day in Crete, but this does not mean that the Germans have shot their bolt.

The enemy have a certain number of troops in the Heraklion and Retimo areas but they do not possess aerodromes as they do at Malemi.

### BOMBED OWN TROOPS

It is thought quite possible that in the heavy raids on Heraklion and Retimo, the Germans bombed their own troops especially as they had been dropping stores on the British forces in error.

It is believed that enemy positions at Malemi are under artillery fire from our guns and that the German claims as to the extent area they control in that district are exaggerated.

No information is to hand of any attempted mass enemy landings but it is possible that an odd Cont'd Page 7, Col. 4

## KING SEES PARACHUTE EXERCISE



LONDON, May 26 (Reuter)—His Majesty the King today saw a large-scale parachute exercise in England, when parachute troops and local defence units reproduced what was happening in Crete.

The Grenadier Guards and some 5,000 Home Guards, including an American contingent, took part in the exercise.

Some of the parachute troops were also dressed in the uniform of the Grenadier Guards and managed to achieve some temporary successes.

## HOOD SINKING MAY INFLUENCE ROOSEVELT'S EAGERLY AWAITED "FIRESIDE" BROADCAST TODAY

### President Has Not Discussed With Cabinet The Nature Of His Talk

MANY OPINIONS EXPRESS IN THE NEW YORK PRESS THAT THE LOSS OF THE BRITISH BATTLE CRUISER HOOD, SO NEAR THE SHORES OF THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE, MAY INFLUENCE PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S EAGERLY AWAITED "FIRESIDE CHAT" TONIGHT, SAYS REUTER.

Hitherto, there is no authoritative forecast as to what the President will say, and Mr. Jesse Jones, Secretary of Commerce, speaking in Atlanta, Georgia, said that Mr. Roosevelt had not discussed with the Cabinet the nature of his talk.

## ACKNOWLEDGED GAP IN THE FIGHTING LINE

LONDON, May 26 (Reuter)—The sinking of H.M.S. HOOD is the subject of all editorials.

THE TIMES writes: "The destruction of the battle-cruiser Hood is a heavy calamity. The loss of this mighty unit makes an acknowledged gap in the fighting line that, since the defection of our French ally, has had to be stretched round the globe to the utmost limit of its elasticity."

## LOSS OF HOOD IS CALAMITY

"The loss of H.M.S. Hood is a calamity. The loss of the ship's company is even worse," said MAJOR ALLEN MURRAY, B.B.C. news commentator, when he broadcast from London last night.

"What bad luck that a single shot should have struck the magazine."

"When you think of the huge commitments of our Fleet all over the seas the loss of this mighty ship makes a serious gap in our fighting lines."

"We may be sure that nothing will be left undone to avenge this loss. We don't know which way the chase is going, east or west, and it is possible that the Bismark may have been pursued further out into the Atlantic."

"If that is so vengeance may be nearer to our grasp."

## Churchill's Message To Newfoundland

LONDON, May 26 (Reuter)—"The task of overcoming oppression and the deadly threat to our civilisation calls for the utmost endeavour from us all," states Mr. Winston Churchill, the British Prime Minister, in a message to Newfoundland on the occasion of the first day of its recruiting week.

Wishing the Colony every success, Mr. Churchill says that he is glad they are making still greater efforts and adds:

"With this spirit we shall not fail to achieve final victory of right and freedom on which our hearts are set."

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"After the experience of Jutland, the Hood was designed to leave nothing to chance. The loss therefore raises the technical question whether a miscalculation was made while probably leaving no evidence to assist in answering it, though it is safe to say that a completely indestructible ship will never be built."

THE DAILY TELEGRAPH stresses "the enormous scope of our Navy's activities of keeping watch and the war in all seas of the world."

### BRUTAL REMINDER

THE DAILY MAIL says: "The news comes as a brutal reminder that the deadliest battle of all, the Battle of the Atlantic, goes on with undiminished and indeed increasing fury. This is one battle we must not lose. We dare not lose."

THE DAILY SKETCH writes: "The sinking of the Hood is a blow to Britain. It is a hit on the chin for America. It is as clear and definite a defiance of President Roosevelt and the United States as anything Hitler has yet done."

THE DAILY EXPRESS writes: "How unfortunate that the phrase 'unlucky hit' was used. It is folly to under-rate such a toe as this. Give him all marks you can and arm accordingly to beat him."

## EIRE PREMIER ON CONSCRIPTION



MR. DE VALERA

DUBLIN, May 26 (Reuter)—Mr. Eamon de Valera, Premier of Eire, spoke to a crowded Dail this afternoon on the question of conscription in Ulster.

"There can be no more grievous attack on any fundamental right than to force an individual to fight by force for a country to which he objects to belong," he said.

He recalled that when the British Government proposed conscription for Northern Ireland, he made representations to London against it.

Forecasts of its possible contents in today's Press, include a proclamation of the full state of national emergency, the seizure of French West Indian possessions of Martinique, the provision of convoys and repeal of the Neutrality Act.

### WILLKIE'S SPEECH

MR. WENDELL WILLKIE, in a speech on the occasion of the United China Relief parade, in which he urged Mr. Roosevelt, in his talk, to serve notice "on the totalitarian rulers everywhere that America intends to help stop the aggressive powers and Totalitarians."

He added: "The American people are overwhelmingly resolved that they are going to maintain the outposts of democracy."

Some quarters in Washington declare that the warning of Admiral Raeder against United States convoys and the Japanese seizure of American goods in Indo-China are factors which Mr. Roosevelt cannot ignore tomorrow.

SENATOR PEPPER, in a statement, suggests that the President should announce full "national emergency" and "tell listeners that we will not let America fall to Herr Hitler and we will not permit him to occupy Dakar or the Atlantic Islands."

### PLACES FACTS

NEW YORK, May 26 (Reuter)—THE NEW YORK HERALD-Tribune in a leader, says: "We hope and pray that the President places the facts before the country, then, making it clear that war must be faced as a possibility in the near future if the defences of the nation are to be maintained, proceeds to action."

The paper declared that the majority of Americans want action and "it is plainly in the President's power to unite the nation behind a policy of action."

Declaring the time has come for major action, the article added: "There should be some form of Anglo-American co-operation in the Pacific in order to cope with German raiders and, to prevent, or delay, a battle in the Pacific, the

## M. LAVAL WARNS AMERICA

### SPEECH QUOTED BY GERMAN RADIO

In his first public speech since his resignation, M. Laval, is quoted by the German Radio, as saying that since the United States did not help France during the war they were partly to blame for the collapse of France, says Reuter.

M. Laval now pictured the United States entertaining plans against the unity of the French Empire and warned America against sharing the same fate as France by going blindly into the war.

The German Radio credits M. Laval with the statement that not for a single moment and not by a single gesture had the Germans taken up an attitude that might have wounded French pride.

For France, M. Laval is also credited with saying it was simply accepting the hand of the Nazi Fuehrer in a unique gesture or she would suffer the fate of being divided up.

### INTERVIEW WITH HITLER

LONDON, May 26 (Reuter)—M. Laval revealed today that he had had a 10-hour interview with Hitler.

In a speech, quoted by the Budapest Radio, M. Laval said: "I cannot believe that at a time of deepest distress in France, America would wish to replace the French tricolour in the Far East off French colonies by the Stars and Stripes."

## CHINA TO BUY WAR MATERIALS FROM BRITAIN

SHANGHAI, May 26 (Reuter)—The Chinese and British Governments will shortly conclude a \$5,000,000 export credit agreement which will enable China to buy war materials from Britain, according to the local Chinese Press.

The terms of the proposed agreement are understood to be far better than those of similar agreements previously.

Britain is reported to be taking a view in the national resistance which China is contributing a common effort of democracy against aggression.

Neutrality Act should be repealed and freedom of the seas everywhere reasserted."

## Most European Countries Have Sufficient Food

WASHINGTON, May 26 (Reuter)—Most countries in Europe apparently have sufficient food supplies to maintain current rations until the new harvest, states a report of the AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT.

These rations report adds far below normal and in certain countries already represent distress.

While there is no food crisis in Germany, shortages are acute in German-occupied Belgium, Holland and France and also in unoccupied France.

German soldiers and the people are said to be considerably better off than they were in the last war, but conditions in Italy where reserves are smaller, are reported to be less favourable.

There are indications however, that foodstuffs vital to the Italian diet, are being exported to Germany in large quantities. The Soviet, as a source of supplies, remains an enigma, concludes the report.

## APPOINTMENT OF CROSS WELCOMED

Speaking at a luncheon in London yesterday, Mr. S. M. Bruce, High Commissioner for Australia, welcomed the appointment of Mr. Ronald H. Cross as United Kingdom High Commissioner in Australia, says Reuter.

Mr. Bruce referred to the close and successful co-operation that was now possible between Britain and the Dominion Governments. Replying, Mr. Cross paid high tribute to the fighting qualities of the Australians.

## Today's News Summary

THE GERMANS HAVE penetrated the British positions west of Canea, in Crete. New Zealand forces counter-attacked and serious fighting is in progress. More air-borne reinforcements have been landed for the enemy.

IT IS EXPECTED that the eagerly awaited broadcast by President Roosevelt to the nation tonight will be influenced by the loss of H.M.S. Hood so close to the Western Hemisphere. The President has not discussed with the Cabinet the nature of his talk.

HIS MAJESTY THE KING and members of the Home Guard watched a parachute exercise somewhere in Britain.

M. LAVAL IS REPORTED to have made his first public speech since his resignation and is stated to have warned the United States against suffering the same fate as France by going blindly into the war.

THE R.A.F. CONTINUE to attack enemy shipping off the coast of Holland. No bombs were dropped over Britain during Sunday night. It is officially reported.

THE LOSS OF THE HOOD is the subject of editorials in British newspapers and is acknowledged as leaving a gap in the fighting line.



# J. F. LUNNY'S RECORD-BREAKING WIN ENABLES H.K.E.R.C. TO SCORE FIRST VICTORY

## Champions To Meet K'loon Bowling "A" This Week

BY L. G.

Rain which fell in the early afternoon caused all but three bowls matches arranged for Saturday to be postponed. Those played were the Hongkong Football Club-Recreio match in the Second Division, and the Indian R.C.-Kowloon Bowling Green and the Hongkong Electric-Hongkong Football Club matches in the Third.

Two teams at least were short of players. Recreio played without F. J. Marques and in consequence J. A. Remedios had 24 per cent. deducted off his rink score. Kowloon Bowling Green were short of three of their regular players, but, fortunately for them, they could draw substitutes from some of their Club members who had come to watch the game.

At home in Happy Valley, Hongkong Football Club did a fine job to win on the aggregate in spite of being down on two rinks. It was entirely due to the excellent display put up by W. MacFarland's rink (A. Watson, J. H. Gelling and C. F. Needham) that the Footballers won. MacFarland, whose highest count was a seven chalked up on the 4th head, beat J. R. Soares by 33-8.

Of the other two Football Club skips, W. Gill lost to O. P. Remedios by 2 shots and A. Brooks-bank lost to J. A. Remedios by 34 shots.

### INDIANS LOSE

In the Third Division, the Indian R.C. playing at home lost their 100 per cent. record as the result of the defeat they sustained at the hands of Kowloon Bowling Green. K. C. Hamilton's and H. Nish's rinks won for the visitors, the former beating A. O. Madar by four shots and the latter beating S. M. Rumjahn by three shots.

## ADVERTISEMENTS

### THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

**THE SIXTH EXTRA RACE MEETING** will be held, weather permitting, on **SATURDAY, 31st May, and MONDAY, 2nd June, 1941, commencing at 2.00 p.m. on Saturday and at 11.30 a.m. on Monday.**

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. on the first day and at 11.00 a.m. on the second day. The tiffin interval will be after the fourth race on the second day.

### MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5.00 per day for Gentlemen and \$3.00 per day for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for Payment of all Chits, etc.

The Secretary's Office, 1st floor, Exchange Building (Tel. 27794) will close at 11.45 a.m. on Saturday, and at 9.45 a.m. on Monday.

Tiffins are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Telephone 21920).

No children or animals will be admitted to either Enclosure.

### PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00 per day, including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,  
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 26th May, 1941.

The game was closely contested, the visitors just nailing the Indians out by two shots. When the last head between Hamilton and Madar was played, the Indians, on aggregate, needed four shots to win and three to tie. Try as he would, Madar could do no better than one. Playing against S. M. Rumjahn, Nish had a golden opportunity of securing seven shots on the tenth head. He had only to be within a yard of the jack to do it, but he was nowhere near it. He had to be content with a six on that head.

### ELECTRICS' FIRST WIN

The Hongkong Electric recorded their first win of the season when they beat the Hongkong Football Club at home. They won comfortably by 25 shots, and scored four points to their opponents' one, as the result of their win on two rinks. In scoring 38 shots against J. Russell's five shots, J. F. Lunny established the highest rink score, the previous best being J. C. Aiken's (Police) 36 shots against J. K. Sloan (Lunny's fellow skip) the Saturday before last. Lunny was also responsible for the lowest rink score of five scored by Russell. Russell was only allowed four heads to score his five shots.

J. K. Sloan beat G. S. Graver by ten shots, but L. de Rome lost to B. A. Mansell by 18 shots.

### THIS WEEK'S MATCHES

The most interesting match down for the week-end in the First Division, will be the one between Kowloon Bowling Green "A" and Recreio "A". The Portuguese, I think, will win but having regard to the fact that they will be playing away and that their opponents are a strong team an upset will not be a very great surprise.

Another good match will be the Craigengower-Recreio "B" encounter at Happy Valley. Recreio "B" will probably lose their 100 per cent. record. The Indians will have an easy win at the expense of Kowloon Docks who have yet to win a match.

The Police will play and probably beat Kowloon C.C. The Civil Service-Kowloon Bowling Green "A" match is rather difficult to forecast. Though the latter have a better team (on paper at least) they will be playing away and I don't think they are good enough to overcome that disadvantage.

### K. TONG FAVOURED

The two leaders in the Second (Kowloon) Tong and Prison Officers) will clash on the former's green on Saturday. The promoted Third Division champions of last year (Prison Officers) have undoubtedly been pulling their weight considerably this season, but I think they will lose to Kowloon Tong.

Recreio will probably win against Taihook. Two away teams in Hongkong Football Club and Kowloon Football Club, will very likely win at the expense of Hongkong Cricket Club and Kowloon Cricket Club respectively.

### THIRD DIVISION

In the Third Division Kowloon Football Club will meet and probably beat the Indians at home. Another home team which is likely to win is Hongkong Football Club against Hongkong Cricket Club.

Hongkong Electric and Kowloon Bowling Green playing away against Craigengower and Recreio respectively are favoured to win.

### SOUTH CHINA BEAT ALL-SINGAPORE

After having drawn their first match with a strong Singapore Combined Chinese eleven, the South China Athletic Association scored a decisive win over an All-Singapore eleven by three goals to nil, according to a cable just received.

The match was played on May 25, the goals being scored by Les Shek-yau, Lea Chung-sang and Chow Man-chi.

## JUNIOR CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

### A.Y. BIRIUKOFF IN STRONG POSITION

The Colony Junior Chess Championship came very near to a standstill last week, three games being completed and 20 left unfinished or to be played as the tournament chart pointed to the fact that the Tournament should have officially closed on Thursday.

Biriukoff remains in what appears to be an unassailable lead and holds a better position than To Yu-lau, his nearest challenger. In their adjourned game, Danenberg challenges for second place should To lose the game.

Results last week were: R. C. Danenberg beat V. V. Kolatchoff, Un Kwal-yung beat Wm. Lee and J. Grefalda beat J. H. d'Almeida.

### TABLE TO DATE

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
Un Kwal-yung	12	8	1	3	83
A. Y. Biriukoff	9	7	1	1	74
A. Kurrik	12	7	3	3	73
R. C. Danenberg	10	6	2	2	7
J. Grefalda	11	5	2	4	6
To Yu-lau	7	4	2	1	5
J. Tausz	9	5	0	4	5
V. V. Kolatchoff	10	3	2	5	4
E. M. Petrove	9	3	1	5	31
Wm. Lee	11	3	0	8	3
R. C. Gardner	7	2	1	4	21
A. Morton	6	1	1	4	11
J. H. d'Almeida	11	1	0	10	1

## ROLLER SKATES HOCKEY LEAGUE

A triangular hockey competition on roller skates will take place among Middlesex Regiment, Royal Scots and the Kowloon Skating Rink on Thursday at the latter's rink at Mongkok.

It is learned that a roller skate hockey league has been organised by the Rink and will commence on June 14.

The Ciro's Skating rink, Causeway Bay, will entertain the Kowloon Skating rink in a friendly hockey game on Sunday at the former's rink.

## LUCKIEST HORSE OWNER

Probably the most lucky race-horse owner in the world is Mr. Charles E. Howard, the owner of Seabiscuit, which staged a wonderful comeback last year to become the biggest money-winner of all time, with \$437,730 to his credit.

The previous best was Sun Beau's \$378,744. Seabiscuit, which is now in retirement, was bought for \$7,500, and recently Mr. Howard picked another winner, Porter's Cap, for only \$1,000. Porter's Cap has since won the \$50,000 Santa Anita Derby.

Seabiscuit's comeback was the highlight of U.S. racing in 1940. Figured as through after he pulled up lame in an early 1939 race, he was sent back to the farm but returned in March last to win the Santa Anita Handicap, the country's richest race.

In spite of his winnings, however, Seabiscuit was not voted by turf writers as the horse-of-the-year. The honour went to Cheltenham, which won five of his seven starts, including the Hollywood Gold Cup race and the Preakness Special.

## FORMER MISS ROUND TURNS PROFESSIONAL

Mrs. Leigh Little, formerly Dorothy Round, the Wimbledon Tennis champion and Wightman Cup player, has turned professional by accepting a coaching engagement with the Wright Tennis Club during this summer.

Mrs. Little went to Canada, with her son at the outbreak of the war.

There has been much speculation in recent months, since Mrs. Little's arrival in Canada, over whether she would turn professional. She had not been altogether idle as her participation in amateur tournaments in the Dominion has brought her more than one success, particularly in the Eastern Canada championships.

## YANG-CHEUNG



Mr. G. K. Yang and his bride, formerly Miss S. H. Cheung.—(King's Studio).

## SPORTING FIXTURES

### TODAY

TENNIS. — Second Division: S. C. A. v. C.R.C., C.S.C.C. v. A.T.C., K.T.G.C.A. v. K.C.C.  
WATER-POLO. — Middlesex A v. Small Units (Y.M.C.A.), 7 p.m.

### TOMORROW

TENNIS. — Third Division: K. T. G. C. A. v. C.D.R., I.R.C. v. S. C. A. A., K.C.C. v. C.R.C. (1), C. R. C. (2) v. H.K.U.T.C., K.I.T.C. v. C.C.C.

### THURSDAY, MAY 29

TENNIS. — Fourth Division: J.R.C. v. A.T.C., F.C. v. C.B.A., S.C.A. v. I.R.C., C.C.C. v. K.I.T.C., P.O.R.C. (2) v. C.R.C.  
WATER-POLO. — Scots v. Signals (Army), 6.45 p.m., 5th A.A. Regt. v. Navy B (Navy), 5 p.m.

### FRIDAY, MAY 30

WATER-POLO. — Navy B v. 965th Bty. R.A. (Navy), 4 p.m.

### SATURDAY, MAY 31

LAWN BOWLS.—First Division, Kowloon B.G.C. "A" v. Recreio "A", Craigengower v. Recreio "B", Police R.C. v. Kowloon C.C., Civil Service v. Kowloon B.G.C. "B", Indian R.C. v. Kowloon Docks R.C., Second Division: Recreio v. Taihook R.C., Hongkong C.C. v. Hongkong F.C., Kowloon Tong v. Prison O.C., Kowloon C.C. v. Kowloon F.C., Third Division: Craigengower v. Hongkong Electric, Recreio v. Kowloon B.G.C., Kowloon F.C. v. Indian R.C., Hongkong F.C. v. Hongkong C.C.

RACING. — Hongkong Jockey Club's Sixth Extra Race Meeting, at Happy Valley, 2 p.m. (First day).

## LEAGUE TENNIS

In the only First Division League tennis match played yesterday, Indian R.C. beat the H.K.C.C. by nine sets to nil.

Owing to volunteer duties, the Kowloon C.C.-Recreio match was postponed, while that between South China and Chinese R.C. was also not played.

## END OF WAR MUST BE KEPT IN VIEW: BRITISH PILOT'S ADDRESS IN ABBEY

Giving the address at an EMPIRE DAY service in WESTMINSTER ABBEY, on Sunday, which was broadcast, a young British pilot said, in part:—

"We are often so absorbed in our daily tasks that, when we do get a moment to be ourselves again, we are so tired mentally and physically that we do not feel in the frame of mind for serious thinking. These conditions of war prevent us from pondering on problems of life.

### KEEP END IN VIEW

"We must keep the end of the war in view and not allow ourselves to be dragged down by the day to day working of our machinery. We must make every effort to free ourselves in thought from our machinery whatever they are, ships, tanks, aeroplanes or the factory lathe.

"Many generations before us built up what they thought was a solid world, forgetting their dependence on God. We must not make that same mistake for which we are now all paying the penalty.

"Many of us who have been able to spare a moment for serious thought and sees what is happening today have been conscious at some time that as well as the war there is another conflict going on between the unseen power of God and the forces of the new."

## FORTHCOMING MARRIAGES

The following announcements of forthcoming marriages were made at the Registry, Supreme Court, yesterday:—

Francis William Toomey, private, Middlesex Regiment, Nanking Barracks, Shamshuipoo, and Miss Nina Ho, of No. 389, Reclamation Street;

Mr. Hau Doan-chun, office attendant, of No. 4 Shan Kwong Road, third floor, and Miss Lo Chai-chung, of No. 3 Hill Road, second floor.

Mr. Wong Cho-keung, unemployed, of No. 6 Lan Hing Street, and Miss Ng Wing-kam, of the same address;

Mr. Hsu Tao, bank clerk, of No. 102 Tsat Tsz Mui Road, North Point, and Miss Kao Wen-ying, of the same address;

Mr. Liang Wal-thin, printer, of No. 117 Bulkeley Street, and Miss Pang Oi-chun, of No. 113 Bulkeley Street;

Mr. Au Man-ting, storekeeper, of No. 75 Des Voeux Road Central, and Miss Cheung Wal-ming, of No. 42 Western Street.

## 24 STUDENTS TO BE SENT ABROAD

The National Tsinghua University has decided to send 24 candidates this year for further studies in the United States at Government expense.

Competitive examinations for the selection of the candidates will be held at Kunning and Chungking simultaneously in September. Aside from applied sciences on which special emphasis will be laid, the subjects of the examinations will include arts, law, engineering, agriculture, and medicine.

Beginning as from this year, the University will also grant subsidies of a limited amount to 15 students who further their studies in America at their own expense.—(Central News)

## DIRECT METHOD OF TEACHING ENGLISH

What is meant by the Direct Method of Teaching and how did it come to be chosen as the method to be used in teaching English in Malaya?

To answer the second part of the question first, it must be explained that barely thirty years have passed since the Direct Method was introduced in this country. Before its introduction children in Malaya were required to learn word-lists as part of their first lessons in English. What made these word-lists specially dangerous was that they were not lists with words in English and the mother tongue of the child. The lists used were English-Malay or Malay-English lists.

In consequence, it was possible, for example, to have such a wonderful combination as this—a Hokkien boy taught by an Indian master the meaning of an English word in Malay, neither the boy nor the master having an adequate knowledge of Malay.

The word-lists did not form the only approach to the new language, it is true. There were object lessons, conversation lessons and stories, but translation to and from Malay was common and the interest and the setting of the lessons were all too frequently alien in interest.

The word-lists received disproportionate treatment, because they involved note work and because every standard had its annual examinations in which tests of the word-lists played a preponderant part. The failure of the word-list method led to a close examination of the difficulties and the aims in teaching English in Malaya and to the adoption of the Direct Method.

### VARIETY OF RACES

The difficulties in Malaya arise chiefly from the fact that an attempt is being made to teach English to a variety of races in an environment where foreign tongues predominate.

There are many countries where bilingualism is the aim; in those countries two languages are taught, at one and the same time. There are also countries where English is taught to the exclusion of the mother tongue and replaces the mother tongue. But in Malaya the aim is twofold, namely, to make English a second language for many races and to make it the medium of instruction in the school and in the college.

Since less than one quarter of them come from homes where English is known, most of the pupils in Malaya do not hear English in their immediate environment. It is this that creates the most difficult problem of all, namely, that English has to be learnt during the all-too-few hours that are spent within the four walls of the classroom.

The Direct Method emphasises the importance of sound in the teaching of a language and therefore stresses the value of oral exercises. That sound is the essence of language is very easily demonstrated. When the word "bridge" is spoken, the sound calls up either a mind-picture of a bridge over a river or a railway line or else a mind-picture of that word.

Even when any one reads silently, inner pronunciation continues. On reading a word or on looking at a word, an inner sound is con-

jured up by the reader. That is why little girls and boys read aloud to themselves and it is a good reason for letting them do so. No language can be said to be properly acquired until the foreign word immediately conjures up the mind-picture.

Possibly the mother tongue always intervenes but the Direct Method aims at getting such a rapid response that no intervention can be detected by the listener or even by the speaker himself.

So in the Direct Method of teaching English the early lessons consist of teaching the pupils to respond to orders given in English—that is, orders to carry out actions with which they are already familiar but which they hear for the first time described in English.

As they see one of their number respond to an order and perform an action, they learn to describe his movements in English. There is no need to intervene with translation, for they see what is done and then learn the English sentence that describes it.

Thus they give and obey commands and ask and answer questions by a method that makes direct association easy and in this way they learn English sentences that can be put into natural daily use. Within a few months the pupils can talk some English and they use the new language with great pride.

### SNOWBALL OF LEARNING

Later on reading is taught by the same principle of approach. In speech familiar actions and ideas are used as the basis, so that attention can be concentrated on the new, unfamiliar sounds.

In the same way, the familiar words already taught in the speech lessons are used in the reading lessons so that attention can be concentrated on the unfamiliar reading or recognition processes.

After reading comes writing, and in the first place the writing done is that of the familiar reading matter. And so the snowball of learning proceeds, fresh knowledge in speech, in reading and in writing being gathered with increasing momentum.

This, in brief, is the Direct Method in its early stages. It will be noted that the basis of the approach is the emphasis on the spoken word. The success of the method is largely dependent on this emphasis being continued throughout the school.

Of recent years there have been special efforts in Malaya to improve the oral English in the middle and upper classes of schools where there had been a tendency to neglect it.

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# TUGBOAT ANNIE SAILS AGAIN

A full cargo of laughs has just made port at the Majestic Theatre for that lovable old skipper-in-skirts, "Tugboat Annie," is back in town in a film appropriately entitled "Tugboat Annie Sails Again."

Norman Relly Raine's Saturday Evening Post characters, Tugboat Annie and her pet hate, Captain Bullwinkle, have long been delighting American readers with their feuds. Walter De Leon's screen play is based on these characters, who are portrayed on the screen by Marjorie Rambeau and Alan Hale, a team of seasoned players whose long experience has given them the ability to hold an audience in the palms of their hands.

To get back to the story, there's romance, too, with Jane Wyman and Ronald Reagan handling it capably, and a more likely young twosome would be hard to find.

Some of the more exciting highlights of the film are the scenes which show Annie outwitting Bullwinkle, by taking a \$25,000 tugboat right out from under his irate nose.

Other prominent members of the cast besides the four stars include Clarence Kolb, Charles Halton, Paul Hurst, Victor Kilian, Chill Willis, Harry Shannon, John Hamilton, Neil Reagan and Sidney Bracy.

## COMING EVENTS

MAY 27—Tides: High 9.24 a.m. and 11.21 p.m. Low: 3.14 a.m. and 4.44 p.m.  
Sunrise: 5.40 a.m.; Sunset: 7.02 p.m.  
La Salle Old Boys' Assn. Lecture "Education Abroad," 8 p.m.  
Rotary Club Tiffin, H.K. Hotel, 1 p.m.  
Kowloon Chess Club, Peninsula Hotel, 5.30 p.m.  
Prayer and Fellowship Meeting, S. and S. Home, 8.30 p.m.  
Cheero Club Whist Drive, 8.30 p.m.  
28—Tides: High 9.52 a.m. Low: 3.41 a.m. and 5.24 p.m.  
Sunrise: 5.39 a.m.; Sunset: 7.02 p.m.  
Concert in aid of Refugee Relief, Lee Theatre, 9.15 p.m.  
Annual Meeting of Y.M.C.A. Amateur Dramatic Club, West Lounge, 6 p.m.  
Cheero Club Dance, 8.30 p.m.  
General Committee Meeting, S & S Home, 8.30 p.m.  
Ladies Working Party (B.W.O.F.), Govt. House, 9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.  
European Y.M.C.A. War Work, 9 a.m. to noon.  
29—Tides: High 12.07 a.m. and 10.21 p.m. Low: 4.08 a.m. and 4.05 p.m.  
Sunrise: 5.39 a.m.; Sunset: 7.02 p.m.  
Half-yearly General Meeting of Voting Members of Jockey Club, Club House, Happy Valley, 5.30 p.m.  
Annual Meeting of Peak Church, Cathedral Hall, 5.30 p.m.  
Y's Men's Club Tiffin, St. Francis Hotel, 1 p.m.  
30—Tides: High 12.52 a.m. and 11.02 p.m. Low: 4.37 a.m. and 6.48 p.m.  
Sunrise: 5.39 a.m.; Sunset: 7.02 p.m.  
La Salle Old Boys' Assn. Lecture, "The Foundations of Civilisation," 8 p.m.  
Congregation of the H.K. University for Conferring of Degrees, 9.30 p.m.  
31—Tides: High 1.37 a.m. and 11.41 p.m. Low: 5.38 a.m. and 7.33 p.m.  
Sunrise: 5.39 a.m.; Sunset: 7.02 p.m.  
H.K. Jockey Club Sixth Extra Meet, 2 p.m.

## TECHNICAL SCHOOLS FOR HUNAN

LAIYANG, May 22 (Central).—The Hunan Provincial Government has decided to establish a school of agriculture, a school of engineering and a school of commerce for training technical personnel to help in reconstruction work. The new schools will be opened in fall.

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1.00 Local Time Signal.

1.01 Variety.

Vocal—Someday You'll Find Your Bluebird (from "The Bluebird"); Blue Lovebird (from "Lillian Russell"); Connie Roswell w. Orch. Xylophone—Joey the Clown (Myers); Rio de Janeiro (de Cados)—Rudy Starita w. Orch. Vocal—The Yam Step; The Yam (both from film "Carefree"); Fred Astaire w. Orchestra. Mouth Organ and Vocal—You Can't Run Away from Love Tonight; Night Over Shanghai (both from film "The Singing Marine")—Larry Adler.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 Dance Music.

Fox-Trots—Stranger in a Cup of Tea; Love was Born (both "Crazy Days")—Billy Mayerl and His Orch. Slow Fox-Trot—Heaven will be Heavenly (film "Band Wagon"); Quick-Step—Roadhouse Revels—Jack Hylton and His Orchestra. Fox-Trot—Moon at Sea; Waltz—You Needn't Have Kept It a Secret—Ronnie Munro and His Orchestra. Fox-Trots—It Seems Like Old Times; White Sails—Ruby Newman and His Orchestra. Quick-Step—Walkin' Thru Mockin' Bird Lane—Jack Payne and His Band.

2.15 Close Down.

5.45 Indian Programme.

6.30 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 The Comedy Harmonists. Woodcutters Song (Knorr, Becco). Whispering (Schonberger); Tea for Two ("No, No Nanette"). In a Persian Market (Ketelbey).

6.45 Moszkowski—"From Foreign Lands" Suite.

State Opera Orchestra.

7.00 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay—"Questions of the Hour."

7.30 Portuguese Programme.

8.00 Local Time Signal and Announcements.

8.03 New Variety.

Vocal—My Sister and I (Kramer & others); Afraid to say Hello (Taylor—Arlen)—Ben Wain w. Orch. Pianq—The Lady Craves Attention (Carroll); Harlem (Carroll)—Eddie Carroll. Comedian—Sitting on the Ice in the Ice Rink (Cottrell); Why Don't Women Like Me? (Cottrell—Bennett)—George Formby with his Ukulele & Orch. accomp. Organ—Torch Parade No. 3—Intro; I can't love you any more; I'll never smile again, until I smile at you; Until you fall in love; I hear bluebirds; Fools rush in; We'll go smiling along—Sidney Torch. Vocal—Only Forever (film "Rhythm on the River")—Turner Layton and his piano.

8.30 A "Swing" programme with Maxine Sullivan.

Fox-Trots—Swanee; Ole King Cole—Toddy Foster and His Kings of Swing. I'm coming Virginia (Heywood and Cook); Loch Lomond (arr. Thornhill) (both in Fox Trot Tempo)—Maxine Sullivan with Orchestra. Fox-Trot—Watcha Know Joe?—Tommy Dorsey & his Orchestra. Darlin' Nellie Grey (in Fox Trot Tempo)—Maxine Sullivan w. Orchestra. Fox-Trot—My Honey's Lovin' Arms. Quick Step—Avanti—Val Rosing and His Swing Stars.

9.00 London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

9.15 Half an Hour of Popular Classics.

Tone-Poem—"Finlandia"—Op. 26, No. 7 (Sibelius)—Leopold Stokowski and the Philadelphia Orchestra. Le Cygne (Saint-Saens)—Marcel Mule (alto saxophone) w. piano. Wherever You Walk (Handel)—John McCormack (Tenor) w. Orch. Ecossaise (Beethoven)—Mischa Levitzki (Piano). "Rosamunde"—Ballet Music No. 2, Op. 26 (Schubert)—Serge Koussevitzky and the Boston Symphony Orch. Franck)—Benjamin Gigli (Tenor) w. Pans Angelicus (Gazera-Gross)—State Opera Orchestra. Prelude in C Sharp Minor, Op. 3, No. 2 (Bachmann)—Arthur Rubinstein (Piano).

9.45—10.00 News in French (on Short Wave only).

9.45 Liszt—Hungarian Fantasia for Piano and Orchestra.

Jacques Dupont (piano) and the Orchestre Symphonique de Paris.

10.00 Verdi's "Il Trovatore" Acts I and II.

Singers in Order of appearance: Corrado Zambelli, Bianca Scacciati, Ida Mannarini, Francesco Merli, Enrico Molinari, Giuseppe Zinetti, Enzo Araldi, Emilio Venturini and the Chorus of La Scala, Milan, with the Milan Symphony Orchestra.

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do.	9.00 p.m.
do.	12.00 mid-night
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## U.S. CHECKS UP BROADCASTS

WASHINGTON.—Special national defence "listening posts" to record, translate, and analyse foreign short-wave broadcasts are being established by the Federal Communications Commission.

A 24-hour-a-day watch is being set up at stations strategically located throughout the United States and its possessions.

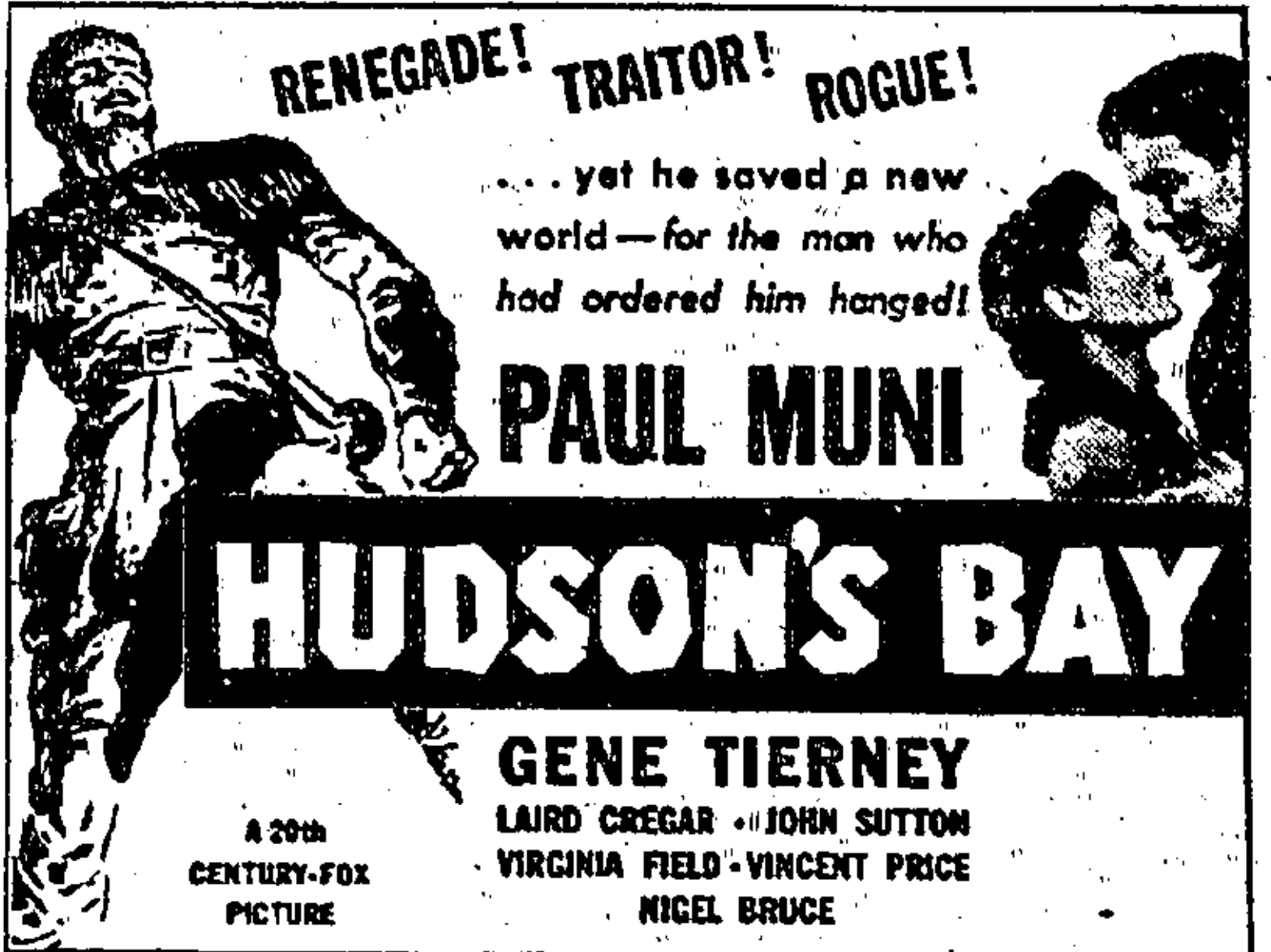
"The listeners and analysts," it is announced by the Commission, "will pay particular attention to voice broadcasts, including news surveys, announcements, plays and also musical programmes."

A picked force of 350 technicians, translators, clerks, propaganda analysts and other experts will work in eight-hour shifts to keep a check on all overseas broadcasts "which may involve propaganda intended for persons in this country or neighbouring countries."

The Commission says, "This necessary step to deal with vital national defence problems developed by radio" is being taken on the recommendation of the Defence Communications Board—with the approval of President Roosevelt.

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# KING GEORGE OF HELLENES HAS NARROW ESCAPE FROM NAZI PARACHUTISTS

## Revelation In Proclamation To The People: Govt. Takes Temporary Refuge In Egypt

CAIRO, MAY 26 (REUTERS)—THE FIRST GERMAN PARACHUTISTS LANDING IN CRETE DROPPED WITHIN A FEW HUNDRED YARDS of the Greek King's temporary residence. This residence, together with the Prime Minister's, was situated in the heart of the area against which the main German thrust was delivered and the King was separated from his troops.

This was revealed in a proclamation issued by the King of the Hellenes to the Greek nation following his withdrawal. The proclamation says: "While we were in Crete in the process of organising all the national forces, still available to enable us to fight by the side of our gallant British Allies, the enemy embarked on large-scale operations against the island."

"After several days of intensive air attack, the crisis of the Battle of Crete was reached when, in the early morning of May 20, the enemy launched an air-borne offensive."

"One of the main objectives of the German parachute troops was the area in which my house and that of the Prime Minister was situated. In fact, the first parachutists landed within a few hundred yards of my house and a fight began, immediately between parachutists and the Allied troops in that area."

"As the main force of the enemy separated us from our troops, it became imperative for us to withdraw in order to frustrate their plans."

"From Panagya and later from Thessalon, where we stopped in order to follow the course of the battle, it proved impossible for us to keep in touch either with the remaining members of the Government or with the Allied Command."

"We later discovered that the military and civil authorities had also tried, without success, to communicate with us. We therefore pursued our journey towards the mountains."

"After a careful examination, in concert with our responsible advisers, of the situation thus created, we became convinced that our continued presence in Crete would handicap the conduct of military operations. We consequently decided, with profound regret, to leave this heroic island where the Allied armies, together with all Cretans, irrespective of sex or age, continued to fight with the most admirable courage in defence of their honour and liberty against the unsuccessful attacks of an enemy employing, with his usual ferocity, every mechanical device at his disposal."

"We leave Crete for the time being to proceed to British territory, where we have been invited. This is the only course which will enable us to carry out the duties imposed on us by the interests of the nation."

"It is our intention to devote all

## FIERCE REBUKE LEVELLED AT FINNS

### Leasing Of Ukraine To Germany

MOSCOW, May 26 (Reuters)—"All attempts to penetrate the skull of their Finnish buffoons are hopeless. What can a paper look like which publishes these ridiculous absurdities?"

Pravda carries this fierce rebuke from the pen of its well-known commentator on foreign policy, M. Zaslavski.

The Berlin correspondent of the Finnish publication, Helsinki Cahomai, had sent a report that "there is a possibility of an agreement being signed whereby the Ukraine would be leased to Germany."

M. Zaslavski says: "It is time that this correspondent grew up and put away childish things."

### NONSENSE RHYME

Referring to the Russian children's favourite nonsense rhyme about crayfish working in the field with hammers, M. Zaslavski says that if that correspondent heard this song, he would send a message: "It is learned from reliable sources in the Soviet Union that crayfish are being used for work in the fields: armed with hammers, they are cutting hay in Kholkhov."

"I shall not trouble to explain to this Finnish paper that no crayfish are working in Russian fields," concludes the commentator.

## FRENCH OFFICERS REPATRIATED

VICHY, May 26 (Reuters)—A party of 573 French officers, repatriated from Germany, arrived by train at Marseilles yesterday, stated the official French news agency.

Among them were two generals and about 100 other senior officers.

Some 350 of the officers were sent to military hospitals and others will be cared for at various places.

## INTRODUCTION OF CONSCRIPTION IN N. IRELAND IS POSTPONED

LONDON, May 26 (Reuters)—The Government's decision concerning the introduction of conscription in Northern Ireland may be postponed for a short time, says Reuters's Lobby Correspondent.

It was earlier expected that Mr. Winston Churchill and Mr. J. M. Andrews, Prime Minister of Northern Ireland, would make simultaneous announcements that conscription would be enforced though it was known that a final decision had not been taken.

Since the matter was raised recently in Parliament, considerable opposition has arisen both in Northern Ireland and in Eire.

Cardinal Macarty, Archbishop of Armagh, and the Labour Party's leader in Northern Ireland have both made statements opposing the suggestion.

Moreover, Mr. Eamon de Valera has summoned the Dail to meet today to hear a statement on the subject.

It is known that Northern Ireland Ministers favoured the introduction of conscription, but the decision rests with the British Government, and in political circles there is a feeling that the

## Nazi Air Force Vent Their Spleen In Savage Raids On Canea, Retimo & Heraklion

CAIRO, May 26 (Reuters)—One of the most ferocious displays of indiscriminate bombing the war has yet produced, comparable to the destruction of Rotterdam, was carried out on Saturday afternoon by German aircraft over Crete.

Waves of aircraft rained down heavy bombs on the island's three chief towns, Canea, Retimo and Heraklion, for six hours without any pause.

These heavy bombs were sown carefully in rows across the centres of each town. The shopping centres were completely wiped out. Yet the population remained admirably calm and there were relatively few casualties.

In the words of a British officer, the Cretans were "worthy of Londoners."

Even while bombs were falling, young Cretan boys dived into the sea for fish killed by the bombs.

Heraklion suffered from heavy raids on Thursday and Retimo on Friday.

### GENERAL HEYWOOD

"I think that we can hold Crete," said Major-General Heywood, Chief of the British Military Mission to Greece, on his return from Crete.

"The withdrawal from Greece and the Crete fighting are part of one action, and I hope that we have reached the last stage and shall hold out in view of the nature of the fighting in Crete and the Germans' difficulty in obtaining reinforcements for the troops they have succeeded in landing. British and Dominion troops and marines fight well in this type of man-to-man fighting."

### R.A.F. OPERATIONS

The R.A.F. continued to deliver heavy attacks on German positions and aircraft in Crete on Saturday.

Announcing this an R.A.F. communiqué adds that during the night of May 23 heavy bombers attacked the aerodrome at Malemi, destroying one large aircraft and starting a number of big fires.

During a daylight raid on the same aerodrome, British bombers destroyed at least one German aircraft and damaged others.

R.A.F. fighters also attacked German transport aircraft landing troops in the Malemi area. One British fighter was lost in an engagement with the escorting Messerschmitts.

## SINO-JAPANESE HOSTILITIES

### Severe Fighting In Foochow Area

CHUNGKING, May 26 (Central)—Severe fighting is developing in the outlying districts of Foochow, as the Chinese are continuing their unrelenting counter-attacks.

In an effort to prying their foothold in Foochow, the Japanese in the past few days brought in large reinforcements and raided various points on the banks of the Min River. Intercepted, they are being heavily engaged by the Chinese.

At present a sanguinary battle is proceeding in the hilly regions northwest of Foochow, particularly at Paishakwan and Yuanling (hill), where the Japanese are said to be suffering severely.

### CHEKIANG OPERATIONS

KINHWAI, May 26 (Central)—Following the recapture of Chuki, important town on the Chekiang-Kiangsi Railway, Chinese forces are smashing their way northward with Siao-shan, main Japanese base on the southern bank of the Chientang River, as their objective.

Chinese forward units advanced beyond Linpu, strategic point 10 miles south of Siao-shan, and are rapidly closing in on the latter city.

Meanwhile, Chinese counter-attacks on Ningpo and Shaoching are progressing satisfactorily. Anticipating a Chinese seige, the Japanese in the two cities are said to be in a state of panic.

## LANCHOW RAID RECALLED

### WRECKAGE OF JAP. BOMBER FOUND

LANCHOW, May 26 (Central)—It is reported from Tsingyuan, north-east of Kansu, that a Japanese bomber which was damaged in a dogfight west of Lanchow on May 22 crashed at Tsingyuan. The Japanese airmen were all killed.

Twenty-five bombers escorted by 17 pursuits came to raid Lanchow that day, dropping bombs in the city and in the eastern suburbs. They were engaged by Chinese planes west of Lanchow.

Two Japanese planes flew into Kansu on Saturday. One of them arriving over Lanchow was driven away by Chinese pursuits while the other reconnoitred over south Kansu.

### HONAN RAIDS

LOZANG, May 26 (Central)—The wreckage of the two Japanese planes shot down by Chinese anti-aircraft fire in northern Honan on May 9 have been located in Menghsien and Poai respectively.

The one at Menghsien was identified to be a light bomber which crashed and was completely destroyed, the two airmen being burned to death.

The other plane was a heavy bomber which was damaged and made a forced landing at the Japanese aerodrome in Poai. Two members of the crew were killed, while another one was badly injured.

## YUYAO RECAPTURED BY CHINESE

CHUNGKING, May 26 (Central)—It was officially announced here that Yuyao, important city on the southern bank of Hangchow Bay, 30 miles northwest of Ningpo, had been recaptured by Chinese troops.

The city fell on May 22 following a concerted Chinese attack launched the previous night. Abandoned some 600 war dead behind, the remnant Japanese fled pell-mell towards Pakwan, 18 miles west of Yuyao on the Shanghai-Hangchow-Ningpo Railway.

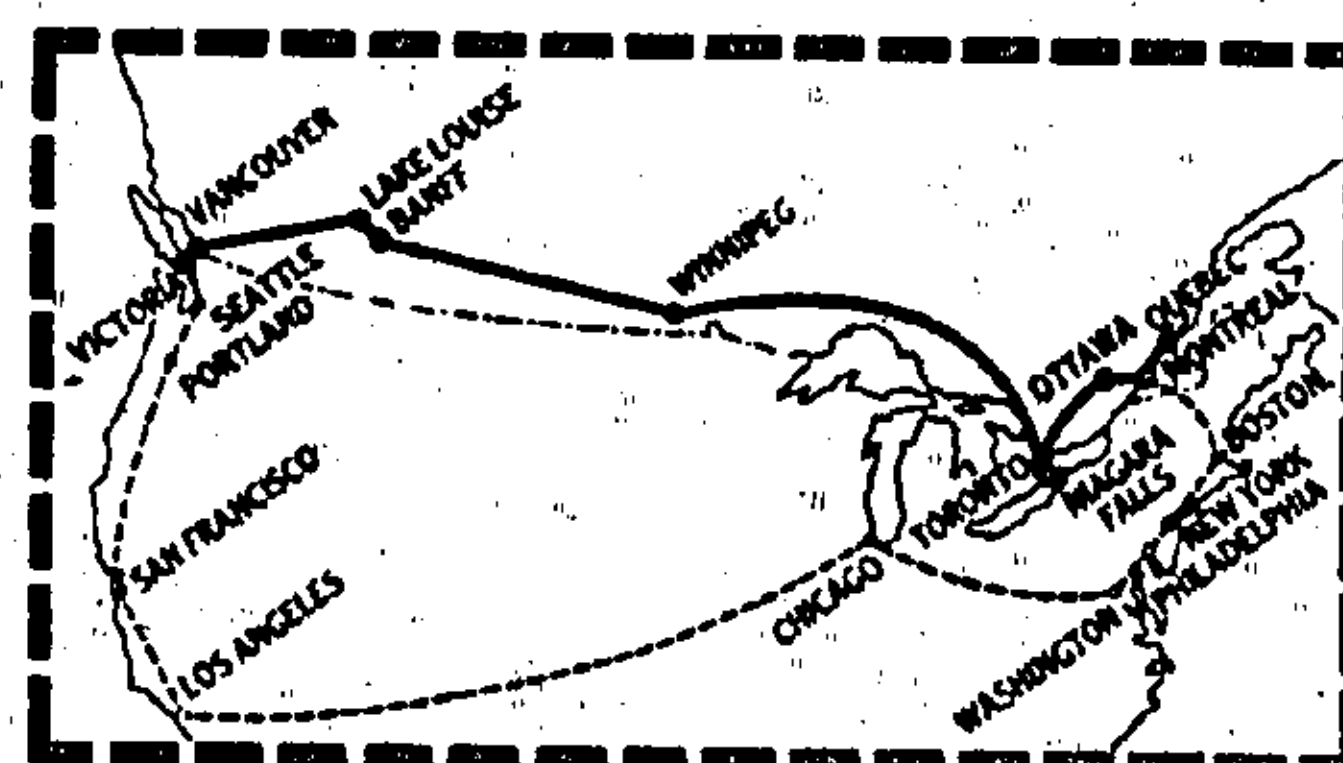
Japanese tank and to intercept the Japanese falling back from the Chungtiao Mountain Range, while the Chinese at various points west of the Tachung-Puchow Railway are pushing toward the railway to attack the Japanese garrison and disrupt communications.



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## RASHID ALI FLEEING

### TURKISH TRANSIT VISA SOUGHT

ANKARA, May 26 (Reuters)—It is reliably learned that Rashid Ali has asked for a Turkish transit visa.

It is rumoured that Haji Sayid Shawket, the Iraqi Defence Minister, has fled from Baghdad en route for Turkey to join his wife and family.

### REBELS BOMBED

CAIRO, May 26 (Reuters)—In Syria, British bombers attacked German aircraft at Aleppo aerodrome, destroying one and damaging others, while a direct hit on the hangar caused a number of explosions.

In Iraq, British aircraft bombed the insurgents at Qurnmentall, scoring a direct hit on the trenches. Rebel motor transport in the Habbaniyah area was also attacked.

Habbaniyah cantonment was machine-gunned on two occasions during Saturday, but only negligible damage was caused.

### COLONEL COLLET

VICHY, May 26 (Reuters)—Colonel Collet, the French Commander of Syrian levies, has been deprived of French nationality.

This follows his action in crossing Trans-Jordan to join the Free French forces.

## ITALIANS HARASSED IN ABYSSINIA

CAIRO, May 26 (Reuters)—In Abyssinia, Free French aircraft bombed Italian troops and the fort at Goang, in the Gondar area. South African bombers and fighters successfully bombed and machine-gunned Italian positions and transport at various points, scoring direct hits on Italian anti-aircraft batteries on the River Omo.

## UNITED STATES IS BLAMED FOR CAPTURE OF NAZI MERCHANTMEN

TOKYO, May 26 (Reuters)—The German ship Columbus and other German mercantile craft have fallen victims to the British as the result of the United States North Atlantic patrol, according to Grand-Admiral Raeder, Commander-in-Chief of the German Navy.

Admiral Raeder made this statement in an interview with the Domei agency Berlin correspondent.

Admiral Raeder further declared that the German Admiralty took an "extremely grave view of the American attitude." The United States, he said, had been doing everything possible to obliterate the difference between neutrality, aggression and war.

He added: "No expert in modern warfare believes that an attack across a vast expanse of ocean is possible, and those who accuse Germany of harbouring such aggressive intentions do so with the object of satisfying their own schemes of aggression."

Claiming that the Columbus and

other German mercantile craft had been victimised by the American Atlantic patrol, Admiral Raeder said: "Nobody can expect a German warship commander to look on idly while an American naval vessel communicates the position of his ship to the British Admiralty. Such a procedure must be regarded as an act of war and the German commander would be justified in forcing such ships to cease hostile activity."

For American ships to convoy war material to Britain would be a plain act of war and unprovoked aggression against Germany.

If need be, German naval forces would resort to force if prevented by American warships from exercising their rights.

## CHINESE LAUNCH GENERAL ATTACK IN SOUTH SHANSI

HONGKONG, May 26 (Central)—Chinese troops in south Shansi have started a general counter-offensive against the Japanese in the Chungtiao Mountain Range. Heavy Japanese casualties have been inflicted.

Synchronising with the offensive there, Chinese troops south of the Fen River are moving toward Wensai and Howma to strike at the

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# LADY MACGREGOR LAYS THE FOUNDATION STONE OF PO LEUNG KUK NEW EXTENSION

## Tributes To Munificence Of Mr. J. E. Joseph

In the presence of a large and distinguished gathering yesterday afternoon LADY MACGREGOR, the wife of His Honour the Chief Justice, laid the foundation stone of a building which will, in years to come, provide a safe and permanent haven to the many children of misery who are driven to seek refuge in the Po Leung Kuk.

The building is an extension of the present Kuk and its construction is the direct result of a magnificent donation of \$50,000 by MR. J. E. JOSEPH, who, when he visited the Po Leung Kuk a few months ago was very much impressed with the work undertaken for the large number of destitute girls and children.

At that time the Kuk, originally built and equipped for 150, had 300 inmates and the crowded conditions struck Mr. Joseph.

In their speeches at the ceremony yesterday afternoon both Mr. Lo Tung-fan, Chairman, and Sir Atholl MacGregor (who spoke on behalf of his wife) paid warm tribute to Mr. Joseph whose generosity has taken many forms on the Island and in the New Territories.

The unavoidable absence of His Excellency, the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, due to indisposition was regretted by both Mr. Lo and Sir Atholl, who expressed the hope that His Excellency would soon be restored to health.

### MR. LO TUNG-FAN

Addressing the gathering, Mr. Lo Tung-fan said, in part:—

All Mr. Joseph asked as a condition for his offer was that we should apply to Government for a free grant of the piece of vacant land adjacent to the Kuk so that it can be used as a playground in substitution of that on which the new extension is being built. We are indeed grateful to Mr. Joseph for his munificent gift, more so for the charm and readiness with which it was made.

The sympathetic attitude of Government in promptly sanctioning the acceptance of the offer is very much appreciated. When completed, the extension will be three storeys high, and it is intended that it will be used exclusively for the housing of young children.

We are very much indebted to the Building Authorities for their kind co-operation, to the Hon. Dr. Selwyn-Clarke for valuable suggestions, to the architect, Mr. Lu Tak-lam for willing services, and last, but not least, to Mr. Lam Chik-ho and Mr. Lam Chik-suen for their wholehearted support, in offering to have the extension built for us at cost by their well-known firm of building contractors, Messrs. Lam Woo and Co.

In 1931, Mr. Joseph donated 30,000 towards the building fund of the new building, and he has since repeatedly made gifts of considerable value to the Kuk.

Today, when the foundation stone of the new wing is to be laid, Mr. Joseph is unavoidably detained in Shanghai on business, and he is thus prevented from seeing for himself with what cordiality the object of his benevolence is regarded.

We count it a great privilege to have Lady MacGregor here to perform the task of laying the foundation stone.

We all know how much Sir Atholl and Lady MacGregor identify themselves with any organisation that works for the welfare of the poor children in the Colony, and their presence here today is another manifestation of their keenness to help such a good cause.

I regret to say that a slight indisposition has prevented His Excellency the Governor from honouring us with his presence today. We all know of the kindly sympathy and unfailing interest which His Excellency entertains for the work of the Po Leung Kuk and we cannot but feel disappointed that this function should be deprived of the privilege of His Excellency's presence. I am sure I am voicing the sentiment of all here when I say that we sincerely wish His Excellency a speedy recovery.

We are delighted to see such a large attendance of distinguished guests and devoted friends.

### SIR ATHOLL MACGREGOR

Sir Atholl MacGregor, on behalf of Lady MacGregor, said:—

My wife, I have no doubt, lays a pretty good foundation stone, but when it comes to publicly expressing her thanks for the honour you have done her in asking her to perform this ceremony today she feels a little diffident,

and so she has asked me to tell you all how proud she feels that she has been asked to lay this stone, which symbolises the erection of a building which will not only be a worthy addition to the architectural amenities of the Colony, but will enable those responsible for the administration of the Po Leung Kuk to continue under less cramped conditions and greatly to extend the work of mercy for orphaned children and for young women and girls, who through economic stress are dejected on the waters of life.

That is a cause—the holding out of a helping hand to those who sorely need it; the opening of the door of hope to those who are well nigh hopeless—with which my wife and I are proud to be associated.

I welcome this opportunity of acclaiming the generosity of Mr. J. E. Joseph, who unfortunately cannot be with us today. To him, and to him alone, we owe this magnificent new building. Mr. Joseph's generosity has taken many forms on this island and in the New Territories, but what, I think, so characterises his charity is that it is always practical.

As all wise expenditure should be, it is productive, and Mr. Joseph may rest assured that nowhere, among his many great benefactions, did he spend more wisely; nowhere did he ensure a greater and more valuable return for money spent than he did when he so generously made this extension possible, an extension which will turn orphaned children and human derelicts into valuable citizens, into the healthy mothers of a healthy future generation.

I join with Mr. Lo in deploring the absence from today's ceremony of His Excellency the Governor who had so graciously expressed his intention of being here but is unfortunately prevented by indisposition. It is the earnest hope of all of us that he may very soon be fully restored to health.

On my wife's behalf and on my own I thank you, Mr. Lo, and the members of your Committee for giving us this opportunity of identifying ourselves so closely with the great work for which the Kuk stands.

### THOSE PRESENT

Among those present were: Sir Atholl and Lady MacGregor, Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith and Mrs. Smith, Hon. Mr. R. A. C. North, Hon. Mr. R. Todd, Hon. Dr. P. S. Selwyn-Clarke and Mrs. Selwyn-Clarke, Hon. Mr. A. B. Purves, Hon. Mr. J. P. Pennefather-Evans, Hon. Mr. W. J. Carrie, Hon. Mr. Shouson Chow, Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo and Mrs. Lo, Hon. Mr. W. N. T. Tam and Mrs. Tam, Hon. Mr. Li Tse-fong and Mrs. Li, Sir Robert Ho Tung, M. and Mme. L. Reynaud, M. and Mme. Raoul-Duval, Mr. A. R. Fullerton, Lt.-Col. H. B. L. Dowbiggin, Major Dorothy Brazier, Miss Helen Kotewall, Miss Phyllis Harrop, Mr. P. Tester, Dr. and Mrs. Li Shu-fan, Dr. and Mrs. S. N. Chau, Mr. and Mrs. B. Wong Tape, Mr. Li Po-kwai, Mr. and Mrs. Tang Shiu-kin;

Mr. Au Lim-chuen, Mr. and Mrs. Tam Wong-tong, Mr. Fung Tze-ying, Mr. Chan Wal-yuk, Mr. Chung Chung-shan, Mr. Fong Fung-kung, Dr. Liu Yan-tak, Mr. Wong Hok-sang, Mr. Kwok Hin-wan, Mr. Wong Shai-ho, Mr. Ngan Shing-kwan, Mrs. Ho Leung, Dr. T. Y. Li, Mr. P. C. Kwok, Mr. Ramon Kant, Mr. Shum Wal-yau, Mr. and Mrs. Lam Chik-ho, Mr. and Mrs. Lu Tak-lam, Mr. Ho Kwei-chuen, Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Lo, Mr. and Mrs. Hui Pao-tsai, Mrs. C. H. Wan, Mrs. Khong Keng-pho, Mr. Lam Yik-kau, Mr. Cheung Man-tung, Mr. and Mrs. Lam Chik-suen, Dr. and Mrs. Lee Shiu-kee, Dr. and Mrs. T. W. Wu, Mr. and Mrs. A. Kung-po Chan, Mr. Chan Yuk-chuen and Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Hain.

## ONE-CENT NOTES IN A FORTNIGHT

It was learned from official sources yesterday that the first issue of the new Government One-cent Notes will be put into circulation in about a fortnight's time.

These notes, the issuance of which was advocated by the Hongkong Daily Press in January last during the acute shortage of one-cent copper coins experienced at that time, will be printed after the final reading of the Ordinance, introduced at the last Legislative Council meeting, on May 29.

The size of the notes will be approximately three inches by two inches.

## 63 CASES OF TUBERCULOSIS IN 72 HOURS

One hundred and two cases of infectious diseases were notified to the Health Authorities as having occurred in the Colony during the 72 hours ended midnight on May 25.

Out of this total there were 63 cases of tuberculosis.

Other cases reported were: Cholera, 10; Diphtheria, 2; Dysentery, 12; Enteric fever, 7; Measles, 6; Smallpox, 1.

## KEEN BIDDING AT CROWN LAND SALE

Confidence in the future of the Colony was demonstrated by the keen bidding at the Crown Land Sale at the Public Works Department yesterday when Mr. E. B. Lambert, Assistant Superintendent of Crown Lands, acted as auctioneer at the sale of Kowloon Island Lot No. 4305.

This lot, situated in Playing Field Road between Fa Yuen Street and Tung Choi Street, Mongkok, has an area of approximately 7,800 square feet. The upset price was \$17,550 or about \$2.50 per square foot.

After four bids of \$100 each the price was raised to \$20,000 after which the price was raised by bids of \$100 until \$25,000 when the lot was knocked down to Mr. Leung Wang-yue of No. 43, Fa Yuen Street, Mongkok.

One of the special conditions of sale was that the lot shall not be used for industrial purposes and no factory may be erected thereon.

After the sale, it was learned from Mr. Leung that it was his intention to erect residential flats on the site.

## DEFENDANTS AWARDED JUDGMENT IN SUMMARY COURT CLAIM FOR ALLEGED BREACH OF CONTRACT

Holding that he considered that plaintiff had failed to make a case and that the broker in that particular transaction was not a common broker acting for both parties Mr. Justice P. E. F. Cressall entered judgment for defendants at the Summary Court yesterday in the action claiming \$944.38 damages suffered by an alleged breach of contract.

The action was instituted by the Local Commercial Agency, of China Building, second floor, against the Victor Knitting Factory, of No. 12 Apin Street, Kowloon. Plaintiffs were represented by Mr. M. A. da Silva while Mr. P. E. Nash was for the defence.

Plaintiffs alleged that by a contract in writing dated June 5, 1940 defendants agreed to purchase 20 bales of cotton gray yarn at \$290 per bale net which were to be delivered during the months of July and August. Plaintiffs further alleged that defendants failed to take delivery of the goods within the time specified and they had to sell the goods at \$244 per bale thereby suffering damages to the amount claimed.

### COMMON BROKER

Mr. Silva said that the transaction arose out of the course of business between a manufacturer and exporter, that is, they never came face to face and dealt through a common broker. Terms were settled and plaintiffs went and purchased the cotton yarn.

Mr. Silva said that there were dealings between the parties and he submitted, these dealings had sufficient memorandum to be with-in the Sale of Goods Ordinance, namely that a contract was signed by a common broker.

Kishan Chang, managing partner of plaintiff firm, said he was approached by a broker, Ah Cheung, in June. He had dealt with brokers before. After the contract was

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The following is the latest list of subscriptions received to date for credit of the B.W.O.F.:—

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The tenders to state the total amount (in pounds sterling). No telegraphic transfer will be made for less than £100, but tenders for sums above that amount to suit the convenience of the tenderers will be considered.

The tenders to be in duplicate, and in sealed covers, addressed to the Treasury Chest Officer, Command Pay Office, and endorsed "Tenders for Government Bills, etc."

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## IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG

## PROBATE JURISDICTION.

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**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Court has by virtue of Section 58 of the Probates Ordinance 1897, made an Order limiting the time for creditors and others to send in their claims against the above estate to the 14th day of June, 1941.

ALL creditors and others are accordingly hereby required to send their claims to the undersigned on or before that date.

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The Transfer Books and Register of Members of the Company will be closed from the 28th May, 1941, to the 4th June, 1941, both days inclusive.

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## AXIS ANXIETY

THE SMOKE OF BATTLE on widely separated fronts—in the Atlantic, over Britain, in Crete, on the Libyan desert, in Abyssinia and, in a less degree, in Syria and Iraq—has proved ineffective in concealing the deepening anxiety with which the Axis Powers are looking towards the immediate future. New factors are slowly emerging as the field of hostilities widens—fresh developments are steadily maturing and taking definite shape to create further obstacles in the path of the aggressors, all tending to support the view that, though the Axis Powers are gaining victories, they are losing the war. Most of these new factors and developments are concerned with the policy of the United States and it is across the Atlantic that the Axis partners are directing uneasy glances. Bitter attacks against the head of the American nation and the most lying propaganda is being launched by those who have cause to fear the trend of policy in the United States in an attempt to placate their own troubled minds and those of their people. With these acts of vilification are coupled dire threats and hints of terrible consequences in order to intimidate public opinion in America from taking the step which it is expected the country will take to reinforce the forces which are opposing the aggressors.

ON THEIR SIDE, those who have withstood the brutal onslaught of the Axis war machine and who are still gallantly meeting every fresh blow delivered at them are looking with increasing confidence across the Atlantic. Their confidence is based on their strong belief that the people of that great land of liberty and freedom have voluntarily pledged themselves to preserve the foundations of civilisation which are threatened by the lust for

## "Taffrail" Describes Life And Work On A British Submarine

"However hideous their task they have never flinched and never will. Our hearts go out to them and their records deserve to be written in pure gold," said CAPT. H. T. ("TAFFRAIL") DORLING, D.S.O., R.N. (RETD.), when he described life and work on British submarines in a broadcast from London yesterday.

At the outset, Capt. Dorling spoke of how a British submarine came into contact with a U-boat within four minutes after the declaration of war in Sept., 1939.

## NO NOISE

During the day the British sailors played cards or occupied their time with their private hobbies. There was no noise except the voices of the men talking. And this went on watch after watch until the night came. In high seas, the submarine rolled and pitched just like an ordinary steamer.

The officers, muffled up to the eyes in woollens and oilskins, had to keep a sharp lookout. Whatever happened, they must sight the enemy first as this was a matter of life and death.

## ONCE IN 19 HOURS

Capt. Dorling told of one submarine which had an attack and counter-attack and in 19 hours she came to the surface once and dived again after three minutes. The commander forgot the number of the enemy's depth charges, and there was an organised sweepstake on board as to the number of depth charges. Another submarine had remained under the surface for 43 hours with only a three-minute break.

Yet another submarine dived 45 hours on end with a break of seven minutes on the surface. This was during the Norwegian campaign in the summer when the nights were very short.

Capt. Dorling said that when travelling in a submarine it required nerves of steel when you heard the propellers of a ship overhead and depth charges exploding nearer and nearer. The submarine was 250 feet below the surface and hundreds of miles away from home. Water may seep through the rivets on the side and you wonder what will happen next.

power of the Axis Powers and their supporters. As believers in the cause and principles of democracy, those who are fighting for their preservation and for those who have been ruthlessly placed under the tyrannous yoke of the totalitarian system, are convinced that whatever action is taken by the head of the United States it will be wholeheartedly supported by the great majority of the liberty-loving peoples of that champion of democracy. Every step taken so far by the American Government to help Britain and her allies was taken, not arbitrarily, but with the full consent of the nation as a whole. Every question was fairly placed before the American public and no undue influence was ever exerted to carry it through. Every measure to fulfil the American promises to help those who were resisting Axis aggression steadily increased in strength and determination until today the United States stands on the border-line of making an even graver and greater decision.

IT IS in this attitude of anxiety on the part of the Axis Powers and expectancy on the part of those who oppose them that the world awaits the vital pronouncement which President Roosevelt is expected to make today. Speculation is, of course, rife as to what the head of the American nation will tell his people and the world. So far the President has kept his intentions carefully guarded except from those who are most closely associated with him. Will the President demand the extension of the Monroe Doctrine to cover the Eastern Atlantic and to in-

An officer had told Capt. Dorling that this was a peculiar experience, but in such circumstances the British sailor was at his best. It provided the most excellent tonic and these men could never be beaten.

## SPECIALLY CHOSEN

Capt. Dorling said that men for submarines were specially chosen and very few of the officers were over 30 years of age. They received special treatment in the way of food, such as tinned soup and so forth, which did not appear in the normal naval ration.

Referring to minefields, Capt. Dorling recalled one instance where a mine was 20 feet in front of a submarine. There was a heavy explosion, and a sheet of flame 50 feet high. The bow was damaged but to a surprisingly small extent. A sailor lay asleep in his hammock not far away from where the explosion occurred.

British submarines operated in a very extended area right to the far north where there is 21 degrees of frost and ice accumulates on the upper deck. Even with glycerine it was hard to keep the conning tower ever ready for a sudden dive.

## MATTER OF COURSE

Men on submarines required the greatest endurance, patience and courage but all this was taken as a matter of course. It was only men like these who knew what it felt like being in a submarine. When the target was in sight one heard only the hum of moving machinery; the men in control positions spoke in hushed whispers and only the captain knew what was going on.

Recalling a bright sunny day in the North Sea, Capt. Dorling said that a submarine, after manoeuvring into position, fired a torpedo at a U-boat. The latter rose 200 feet in the air and there were no survivors only a large patch of oil, a dead body and a lifebelt.

clude the western shores of the African Continent? Will he repeal the Neutrality Act, permit American ships to enter combat zones for the purpose of taking supplies to Britain? Will he order the American Navy to escort American convoys which are to transport war materials and equipment to Great Britain and her allies? And, finally, will the President ask the nation to accept a declaration of war by America on the Axis Powers? None of these questions can be correctly answered, but it is admitted that the reply to any of them will bring the United States closer to participation in the hostilities than she has ever been. With that closer approach to actual participation in the war, the Axis Powers will find their difficulties considerably increased and they too will soon realise that, while gaining victories, they are getting perilously close to losing the war.

## FIRING PRACTICE

Light gun firing practice will be carried out tomorrow between the hours of 6 p.m. and midnight. Firing Areas "D" and "E" will be affected.

Firing practice, as under, is notified for Thursday:—

(a) Reserved between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. for heavy anti-aircraft practice in the western area of the Island as alternative date for similar practice detailed for May 22 and 23, 1941.

Firing Areas "D" and "E" will be affected.

(b) Light gun practice between the hours of 6 p.m. and 12 midnight.

Firing Areas "D" and "E" will be affected.

Firing practice, as under, is notified for Friday:—

(a) Reserved between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. for heavy anti-aircraft practice in the western area of the Island as alternative

## SPLENDID LAST CONCERT

## H.K. Schools' Musical Association

The Hongkong Schools' Musical Association gave their last concert of the current season yesterday evening at La Salle College, an attendance of more than 600, the majority schoolboys and schoolgirls, receiving enthusiastically every contribution to a programme of 16 items.

Fourteen of the items were contributed by the younger folk of the schools, but on the programme also were Mrs. G. A. Goodban and Mr. J. R. M. Smith, in a two-piano duet, and Miss Pauline Chow, whose rendition of three Chinese songs proved the most popular number of the evening.

## LOUDEST APPLAUSE

Edmund Lum, of King's College, and David King, of St. Stephen's Boys' College, both pianists, were accorded the loudest applause by an audience charitable to all in the matter of hand-clapping and uproariously excited when they really felt pleased, which state of mind seemed to have occurred more than once in what was rather a lengthy programme.

The French Convent's Choral Group was the best received of about half-a-dozen on the programme, contributing "Aloha Oe" with piano and guitar accompaniment.

Others on the programme were Mollie Luk and Ip Kam-kum (St. Stephen's Girls' College) in piano solos, Kenneth Ho (Diocesan Boys' School) in a violin solo, Alice and Emily Yue (Maryknoll Convent) in a piano duet, Violet Chan and Jenny Wong (Diocesan Girls' School) in piano solos, Mimi Leung (Sacred Heart School) in a piano solo, Mul Foo-Kel and Hui Ying-gun (Diocesan Boys' School) in a piano duet, and choral groups from the Heep Yunn School, the Diocesan Girls' School, St. Stephen's Girls' College, St. Joseph's College and the Ying Wa Girls' School.

## NEWSETTES

Mr. George, No. 1, Terrace Building, Kimberley Road, has reported that whilst he was driving along Castle Peak Road towards Tsun Wan about 3 p.m. on Saturday, he knocked down a 10-year-old boy who was admitted to the Kowloon Hospital suffering from slight head injuries.

The Cheng Yien Pao, American-owned Chinese daily in Shanghai, which was ordered by the Shanghai Municipal Council to suspend for two weeks for publishing a report regarding the "Lone Battalion" internment camp has resumed publication, according to a Shanghai dispatch. — (Central News).

Newspapermen in Kweilin have been cheered by a message from Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek commending them for their enthusiastic efforts in raising funds for the purchase of a gift plane to the Government.

Sir Shouson Chow, Chairman of the Chinese Wartime Bonds Committee in Hongkong, has sent a reply to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek who wrote him recently commending his patriotic efforts and urging him to do his best to push the sale of the N.C.S. 200,000,000 Military Supply Bonds in the Colony.

Mr. R. Taylor, of the Shanghai Power Company, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Taylor of Liverpool, was married to Miss Weinberg, the daughter of Mrs. Y. Fox, at the British Consulate-General, Shanghai, on May 17. The witnesses were Mrs. L. Stanley Smith and Mr. C. Riley.

The death occurred on May 14, at The Pautin Hospital, Shanghai, of Arthur Antonio dos Remedios, (Formerly of the Chinese Customs Maritime Service), aged 53 years. A Requiem Mass was held at the Church of Christ the King, Rue Bourgeat, on May 10, and was followed by interment at the Fahnstien-jao Cemetery.

date for similar practice detailed for May 22 and 23, 1941.

Firing Areas "D" and "E" will be affected.

(b) Light gun practice between the hours of 6 p.m. and midnight. Firing Areas "D" and "E" will be affected.

## HOME FOR AGED POOR AT KOWLOON CITY

## Recent Visit Described: Happiness Is Keynote

BY A STAFF REPORTER

In these days of high cost of living, profiteering and racketeering, when the thoughts of the great majority of people are concerned with how to make ends meet, the golden axiom for this day and age is "survival of the fittest."

Individuals, industrial concerns, churches and charitable institutions all prefer to put their trust in a substantial banking account or reserve funds or endowment funds, as the case might be.

## OUTSTANDING EXCEPTION

An outstanding exception to this general conception of the human power to obtain for itself all materialistic requirements was found by a Hongkong Daily Press re-



One of the inmates.

porter on a recent Saturday afternoon when curiosity prompted him to visit the HOME FOR THE AGED POOR AT KOWLOON CITY.

The massive iron gates at Customs Pass Road were opened by one of the aged inmates—whose age might have been anything between 60 and 75—and the visitor found himself on a covered path on each side of which is semi-cultivated land, leading up to a flight of steps where a Sister of the Poor stood smiling a welcome.

On asking for the GOOD MOTHER—as the MOTHER SUPERIOR is called—the visitor was shown into a plainly furnished room and asked to wait while the Sister went in search of the GOOD MOTHER.

After a short interval, the Good Mother and her principal assistant arrived and, on learning her visitor's wish to make a tour of the Home, promptly consented to satisfy his curiosity.

## SIMPLICITY AND BEAUTY

The first place visited was the Chapel which, constructed in 1933 on the exact site of an ancient Chinese pagoda, was consecrated by the RT. REV. H. VALTORTA. The simplicity and beauty of its design and interior decorations and furnishings, including the three altars given by MR. J. M. ALVES, was most striking. That the inmates appreciate this generosity of the supporters of the Home was seen by the large attendance at the Benediction and the number of persons who make use of the Chapel every day.

Leaving the Chapel, the little party next visited the building used as men's bedrooms. In every one of these rooms were two rows of iron beds—donated by the HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK—with multicoloured bedspreads. These spreads, it might be added, are made from small pieces of cloth samples given to the Home by various import firms, including MESSRS. JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.

The men's dining-rooms, smoking room, carpentry garden, sick-room and the laundry were all visited. In all these rooms the same degree of neatness, tidiness and air of contentment was noticed.

In the men's section is a small plot of land made sacred by the four LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR, who were buried there.

## WOMEN'S SECTION

In the women's section the same neatness, tidiness and content was apparent. Old women were seen helping in making up the hundreds of padded jackets needed for the cooler months; others were assisting in joining together the pieces of samples and making them into inside garments for the inmates; while yet others were either knitting, walking about the place or enjoying a quiet smoke in the smoke-room.

Everywhere the visitor went he was greeted with "TIEN CHU PO YAU LI" (God Bless You). Everyone to whom he spoke expressed deep gratitude to the Little

Sisters for giving them a haven of refuge at the time when such a refuge was most needed—in their old age. They were also full of gratitude for the treatment received at the hands of the Good Mother and her 20 assistants who, though daughters of rich families, gave up all their worldly possessions to minister to the needy.

Not one of the 231 inmates are under any obligation to do any work. If they felt so inclined they could idle away every hour of the day and night—but none of them, except the sick, ever thought of doing so.

## FOUNDRESS' INJUNCTIONS

Asked how the large sum needed to keep the Home going daily was obtained, the GOOD MOTHER smilingly replied: "By begging." She then went on to explain that the ORDER OF THE LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR, founded by a French servant girl, JEANNE JUGAN, in 1839, rules out the accumulation of funds or acceptance of guaranteed incomes. One of the Foundress' injunctions to the followers are "TO BE POOR, TO HAVE NOTHING—TO EXPECT, AND RECEIVE, EVERYTHING FROM GOD."

"And," added the Good Mother with a smile, "God has never failed us—our supporters still come to our aid even in these hard times. BUT WE MUST BEG EVERYDAY. Four of the Sisters go out every day to beg for those old people who are too old to beg for themselves—as Jeanne Jugan begged for those poor old abandoned women who were given refuge in her simple rooms in 1839."



The beautiful chapel.

Anyone who might be interested enough in the work of this band of "GOD'S CHILDREN" to pay the Home a visit could be assured of a most cordial welcome. No appeal for a donation was made—directly or indirectly—to visitors to the Home.

## VARIETY SHOW TOMORROW

A variety entertainment, arranged and composed by David Kossick, will take place at the Sisters' Home and Seamen's Institute, Gloucester Road, at 9 p.m. tomorrow. All Servicemen and Merchant seamen are cordially invited, admission being free.

Many well-known local artists are taking part including the following:—Freddie Archer, Les Gibson, Tommy King, "Mysto" the Memory Man, Stanley Hinchliffe, "Scotch" a man of lines both spoken and drawn, Maude Deacon, A. D. Spours and his partner Bill Duxford, Doris Shields, Will Knight, John Gilchrist, Ernie Yuen, Gertrude Goddard, Miss Glover, Ian Heath, Maude Minnie Mather and Johnny Stark an artiste new to Hongkong audiences.

Stage management is in the hands of Monty Ditton assisted by Les Barker, and the programme is varied and snappy.

## MINISTRY OF FOOD

The newly-created Ministry of Food, with Mr. Hsu Kan as Minister, will formally commence functioning on June 1.

The paper adds that the National Food Control Board, which will be superseded by the new Ministry, is winding up its affairs. — (Central News).



## PARADE IN CELEBRATION OF "CHINA WEEK"

One of the greatest demonstrations of Sino-American friendship and co-operation was witnessed in New York when 100,000 Chinese and Americans participated in a monster parade throughout New York's main thoroughfares, bringing to a close the successful and colourful "China Week" activities launched on a nationwide scale last Sunday.

Similar celebrations on a smaller scale were held in other cities where the churches observed a prayer day for China. In Washington approximately 7,000 Chinese residents marched in a procession with more than 2,500 American students, carrying Chinese and American flags and accompanied by several bands.

A unique event of the New York parade was a colourful Chinese cloth dragon a block long, carried by 150 Chinese which received the thunderous applause of thousands of New Yorkers lined on both sides of the streets.

Brigadier-General George Herbert, chief of staff of the New York Guard, who was Grand-Marshal of the parade, led the procession past the reviewing stand at Columbus Circle where Mr. Wendell Willkie, Mr. Herbert H. Lehman, Governor of the New York State, Mr. Newbold Morris, Chairman of the New York City Council, and Mr. Yu Tsune-chi, Chinese Consul-General in New York, took the salute.

### FACING CRISIS

Speaking impromptu while reviewing the parade Mr. Wendell Willkie, and Mr. Herbert H. Lehman both warned the American people that they are facing the greatest crisis and must stand united with the democratic nations in fighting aggression.

Mr. Willkie declared "I am here today because of my great concern for our beloved country. We face the most difficult crisis in all of our history. Aggressive totalitarian Powers seek to conquer the free peoples of this world, and for that reason, if for no other, we should assist China in her present hour of need and it is a very realistic reason because China is our outpost. What is happening east of us will also happen west of us."

Mr. Willkie further said that he hoped President Roosevelt would deliver a forthright and courageous message to help unite the people of the United States, "for freedom in the world is shrinking."

Continuing, Mr. Willkie said: "Americans, I plead with you to stand united. Many people are talking about America not going to war. I am more greatly concerned about keeping the war out of America. I plead with you not to be misled by trivial and unrealistic arguments. It is no time to quarrel about trivialities when the world is on fire. It is time for all Americans to unite for Democracy."

Governor Lehman said: "America must be ready. China is ready to defend its liberties when threat comes. What the Chinese people have done on behalf of democracy and liberty for the people of the world should not be forgotten. They are the first to refuse to knuckle under aggression and cruelty."—(Central News).

## CABLE NEWS IN BRIEF

LONDON, May 26 (Reuter)—A few German aircraft, operating singly, have flown over Britain yesterday. No reports of any bombs being dropped were received up to 5.30 p.m. G.M.T.

MOSCOW, May 26 (Reuter)—The former Governor-General of French Indo-China, M. Robin, who passed through early in December en route to Tokyo to negotiate the agreement concerning French Indo-China, arrived yesterday morning on his return journey. M. Robin left for France last night.

CHUNGKING, May 26 (Central)—Colonel Dewitt Peck, former Commander of the U.S. Fourth Marines in Shanghai, left for America by President Taft on Saturday morning, according to a Shanghai dispatch.

CHUNGKING, May 26 (Central)—Dr. Wang Chung-hui, Minister of Foreign Affairs, was host at a dinner in honour of Sir Archibald Kerr Clark Kerr, British Ambassador to China, and other members of the British Embassy staff on Friday evening.

### CHIEF OF STAFF OF U.S. ARMY



GEN. GEORGE C. MARSHALL

## FLIGHT OF IRAQI QUILSLINGS

LONDON, May 26 (Reuter)—The flight of Iraqi quislings, reported from Ankara, is considered hopeful here.

It is pointed out in authoritative circles, however, that it would not be wise to read too much into these reports for the present.

Latest reports of operations in Africa are that at Tobruk and Sollum, heavy sandstorms are now being experienced reducing activity to patrolling and that during the taking of Soddu in Abyssinia, two Italian generals were captured.

UNWISE ACTION  
LAHORE, May 26 (Reuter)—The Head of the Ahmaddiya community, in a broadcast, described as thoughtless and unwise "the action of those in Iraq who aligned themselves with Germany."

He added that the Germans have never given freedom to any country and Rashid Ali is guilty of an action endangering the Muslim world.

SAID PASHA RETURNS  
LONDON, May 26 (Reuter)—Nuri Said Pasha, three times Premier of Iraq, is reported also to have returned.

Nuri Said Pasha negotiated and signed the Anglo-Iraq Treaty.

REGENT'S CALL  
LONDON, May 26 (Reuter)—The Regent of Iraq has issued a proclamation announcing his return to his country and calling on all Iraqis to rally to his banner.

## TOMAHAWKS BEING USED IN IRAQ

ANKARA, May 26 (Reuter)—American Glen-Martin bombers and Tomahawk fighters are now being used by the R. A. F. in the Habbaniyah area in Iraq, it is reported here.

British motorised units are now operating east of the Euphrates, having presumably crossed the river by the Fallujah bridge which was found intact when the town was captured.

## KING GEORGE SCORES BULL'S EYES

LONDON.—Though he had never before handled a "tommy" gun, King George during a visit to a southern command recently found the "heart" of an enemy soldier silhouetted target with his first four shots fired from a shoulder position. Lowering the gun to his waist, the King again registered many hits on the target in sequence.

The Queen stood behind applauding his good marksmanship.

## U.S. RED CROSS AID TO CHINA

KUNMING, May 22 (Central)—Consignments of medical supplies presented by the American Red Cross to China which have arrived in Kunming to date amount to 1,200 tons.

Several medical units dispatched by the Medical Service of the Red Cross Society of China have arrived in Kunming.

## Furthering Nazi Aims In Syria: Consul's Part

ANKARA, May 26 (Reuter)—The part played by the former German Consul in Beirut, HERR VON ROSER, to further German aims in Syria and the help he had received from the French, can now be outlined.

According to information reaching, usually reliable sources here, von Roser returned to Syria prior to the coup d'etat in Iraq, organised Arab groups, made trouble between Moslem and Christian Arabs and told everybody that B-it-t'n planned to divide Syrian Arabs and the Jews.

The only salvation for the Arabs lay in the co-operation with Germany who is prepared to form a confederation of the Arab states. The Sheikh Arslan of Druses assisted von Roser.

### WHEN TROUBLES BEGAN

When the Iraq troubles started, von Roser and the agents with it started connivance with certain local French who tried to persuade the Arabs to enrol for the Iraq rebel leader, Rashid Ali, offering each man who did so, £10.

Von Roser was helped by General Frongeres who purged the army of Levant of the anti-Vichy elements so successfully that eventually, General Dentz, the High Commissioner, was compelled to protest to Vichy because the purge caused considerable dislocation.

How other Frenchmen later helped the Germans, is shown by the report that General Dentz himself ordered all airfields to be cleared of accumulated debris, giving as a reason that they will be used as football fields.

### SPECIAL REPORTS

It is further reported that the French supplied the Germans with special weather reports and special night landing signals for the Nazi aircraft, using Syrian airfields en route to Iraq.

## DEATH OF SIR HAVILLAND DE SAUSMAREZ

### FORMER JUDGE IN CHINA

LONDON, May 26 (Reuter)—News has just reached here of the death of SIR HAVILLAND (WALTER) DE SAUSMAREZ, Bt., in Guernsey in March.

Sir Havilland, who was 80 years of age, was Judge of H.B.M.'s Supreme Court for China from 1905 to 1921 when he retired. He was Bailiff of Guernsey from 1922 to 1929.

The latest available news, which is several months old, states that Lady de Sausmarez (formerly Annie Elizabeth Mann, G.B.E., daughter of the late Rev. F. W. Mann, Rector of St. Mary de Castro, Guernsey) is well.

Sir Havilland's publications included The Earlier Charters of Guernsey, Capt. Philip Sausmarez; The Naval Uniform, 1938. He was knighted in 1905.

## Over 100,000 Sign Letter To Roosevelt

Over 100,000 Chinese youths, more than originally expected, have signed a letter to President Roosevelt expressing appreciation of the "China Week" campaign launched in the United States on May 18 to raise relief funds for China, according to the returns of the "signature drive" which was brought to a close on May 24.

The drive was started on May 18 under the auspices of the Chinese Youth League, the Chinese Youth War Relief Association, the University Students' Union, the Hongkong Students' Relief Association and the Chinese Y.M.C.A. All signatures are in Chinese written with Chinese brushes.

The letter to be despatched by the next Clipper is in Chinese.

A translation is as follows:—

Dear President Roosevelt:—

Our War of Resistance will soon enter into its fourth year in July 1941. We beg to express our keen appreciation of and heartfelt gratitude for the financial and material assistance which you and your people have rendered us. We are particularly gratified to note that a "China Week" campaign commenced on May 18 in which the American people take the lead to raise funds for the relief of our people.

Therefore we take this opportunity to express our deepest appreciation of this exhibition of kindness and friendliness on the part of the American people and to congratulate them upon having the greatest leader in you.

## Fighting In Crete

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calque (small Greek boat) succeeded in landing some troops.

A review of the military situation in Crete, as given on the German Radio, stated that all Germans await news with great tension though with full confidence.

"We know High Command reports are only accomplished facts." It was stated, "but we must give them time to accomplish these facts and we also know the ground is very difficult."

Although the latest news from Crete indicates there is "some slackening of the Nazi effort, the situation can still only be described as acute and any diminution of violence in the assault may be regarded as temporary, says British Wireless."

The DAILY TELEGRAPH, discussing the position of the battle, remarks: "We know he landed some light artillery and he is training reinforcements into Malemi as fast as he can, no doubt with the view to making a formidable thrust eastwards the moment he feels strong enough."

### RELY ON AIR

"On the other hand, as long as he has to rely entirely on the air for supplies and especially munitions, each new wave of reinforcements must seriously aggravate his problem. If we can hold on to the ports, it is a problem which the enemy might presently find insoluble."

"On our side a much more serious handicap is the want of local air support. Yet whilst our air operations can scarcely exceed the scope of raids, our bombers and fighters have contrived to wreak great havoc among enemy aircraft at Malemi."

THE TIMES, denoting attention to the consideration of air versus sea aspect of the campaign, says: "The challenge of air power to sea power has never been underrated by responsible opinion in this country. The Navy was prepared to meet hostile air arm—with the aid of friendly air arm—but it was always realised how heavy were the risks if it found itself constantly compelled to operate in narrow waters close to the bases of enemy's divebombers and without fighter support."

"Attack after attack might end without accidents but, as the Americans say, 'the break is even in the long run' and good luck may be followed by bad."

"Hitherto the Mediterranean Fleet has accomplished its heavy task at both ends of the Mediterranean with remarkable success, always striking harder blows than it has suffered."

## Debris Thrown Into Air From German Merchantship

LONDON, May 26 (Reuter)—Debris was thrown into the air from a German merchantship, of about 6,000 tons, after bombs have been dropped by a British aircraft of the Bomber Command.

Another ship of about 4,000 tons was left enveloped in smoke.

Several other ships are believed to have been damaged but full observations of the results of the attack on two convoys in daylight yesterday off the Dutch, German and Danish coasts was impossible, states an Air Ministry communiqué.

Four British aircraft are missing from these operations.

## NO BOMBS ON BRITAIN

LONDON, May 26 (Reuter)—No bombs were reported to have fallen on Britain last night.

Maintaining the lull of the past fortnight, hardly any raiders crossed the sea.

The only district from which they were reported was on the north-east coast and no incident followed.

Weather across the Channel was probably against large scale activity. London had no alert thus completing its fifteenth night without "bombs."

### TWO DESTROYED

LONDON, May 26 (Reuter)—At least two German fighters were destroyed over the coast of Britain.

It is now known that yesterday another Messerschmitt 110 was brought down into the sea by fighters.

Seventy-two enemy planes were destroyed in Europe and the Middle East last week and many others were damaged.

During the same period 29 British planes were destroyed.

## American Missionaries "Stranded"

SHANGHAI, May 26 (Reuter)—A large number of American missionaries are virtually "stranded" in Shanghai following the recent decision of the Home Board of United States Missionaries in America that approval must, first be obtained from the Board before permission can be sought from the American authorities to travel in Interior China, according to the Shanghai Evening Post.

As a result of this ruling, the American Consulate here is stated to have refused to grant visas to American missionaries who recently arrived here with the intention of proceeding to various places in China interior.

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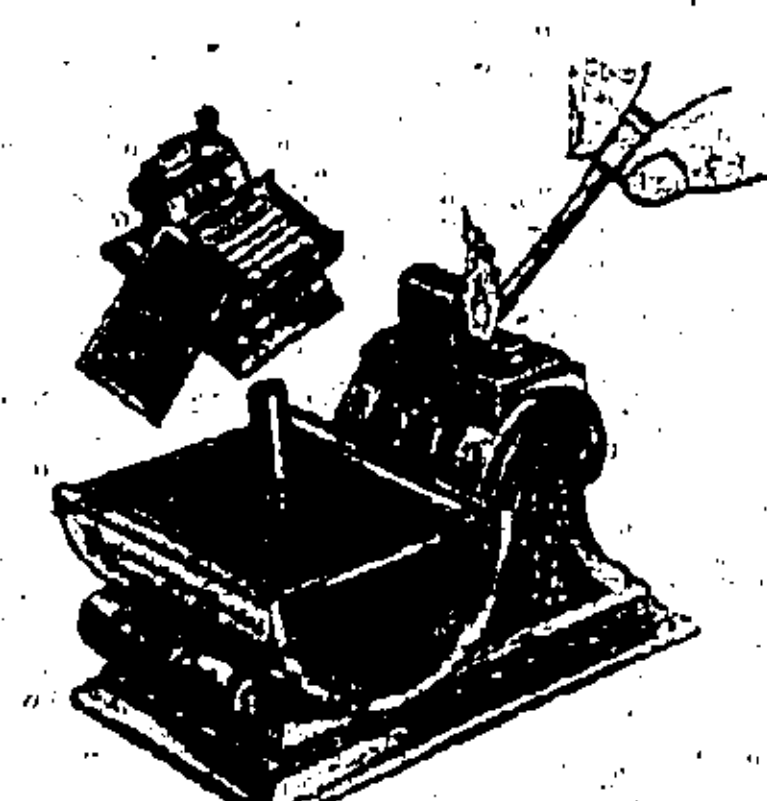
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## RESIDENT COMMITTEE OF P.P.C.

The 6th meeting of the Resident Committee of the People's Political Council was held in Chungking, presided over by Dr. Chang Po-lin, Vice-Chairman of the Council.

Among the members present were Messrs. Tso Shun-sheng, Hsu Hsiao-yen, Wang Chi-kiang, Kao Hsi-ping, Kung Keng, Fan Yu-sui, Liu Chieh, Han Li-wu, Chen Pao-sheng, Shen Chun-lu, Teng Pei-huang and Li Hsien-keng.

During the meeting, a report on foreign affairs prepared by Dr. Wang Shih-chieh, Secretary-General of the Council and

## SHANGHAI'S HIGH MORTALITY RATE

CHUNGKING, May 25 (Central)—The mounting cost of living has been responsible for a high mortality rate among the poorer class in Shanghai, according to a report from that city.

It is estimated that in the first half of this month, a total of 1,343 corpses were picked up in the streets by charity organisations for burial. Among them, 304 were adults, 465 children and 574 babies.

Minister of Publicity, was read, and Dr. Wong Wen-hao, Minister of Economic Affairs, spoke on the economic measures recently carried out by the Government.—(Central News).



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## Economic Background Of Japanese-Dutch Press War

Illuminating facts showing how Japan is taking advantage of the Dutch East Indies' economic conditions to secure her necessary materials form the real background behind the present Japanese-Dutch Press war.

Recently the Japanese Press accused the Dutch authorities in Batavia as having used allegedly delaying tactics for the purpose of wrecking the Japanese-Dutch trade talks in Batavia. The Dutch Press, supporting the denial of the Batavia authorities, retorted that the delay was actually caused by the Japanese themselves and that the Japanese accusations were meant to be deliberate provocations with the object of bringing renewed pressure on the Dutch authorities to accede to Tokyo's demands.

In a blunt editorial under the title "New Provocations" the JAVA BODE, an influential daily in Batavia, caustically remarks that the Japanese Press campaign, has been mainly so uncontrolled and ill-mannered that there is no use to argue or try to render in proper perspective such discrepancies brought forth by it.

After tracing the development of the Batavia trade talks, the editorial affirms that several times in the course of the ten months' negotiations it was the Japanese themselves who were responsible for the interruptions and delay.

Against the background of the Tripartite Pact and the abuses of the Japanese Press, concludes the editorial, the present parley in Batavia seems most unreal. "Japan has chosen her side in this war and the Dutch East Indies has done the same. The only effect that threats and provocations in the Japanese Press will have on the Dutch East Indies will be an even greater effort for the benefit of the Allied cause and even greater suspicions regarding Japan's intentions."

### SPLENDID OBSTINACY

The NEW YORK HERALD-TRIBUNE in an article entitled "Splendid Dutch Obstinacy" supports the Dutch stand.

Regarding the economic conditions in the Dutch East Indies, well-informed Dutch circles in London indicate that as a result of the European war and the British blockade of the German-occupied countries in Europe, the Dutch East Indies' foreign trade has been considerably affected. New markets to replace the lost markets and new resources for supplies of goods must be found.

The most important countries with whom the Dutch East Indies is trading are the British Empire, the United States, Japan, Canada and South America.

Under the agreement with the United States of December 20, 1935 the Dutch East Indies' trade has been dominated considerably by American demand for materials, particularly tin and rubber.

The Dutch East Indies formerly secured its supplies of goods partly

from the United States and partly from Europe but since the European war, European supplies have completely dried up. American trade, however, gives the Dutch a favourable balance which helps to finance purchases from the United States of materials for the defence of the Dutch East Indies.

### TRADE HAMPERED

Trade with Canada has been hampered by war tax levied on goods imported from non-British countries. Trade with South American countries has suffered from difficulty in the foreign exchange position as these countries have also lost their important European markets whereas Dutch small purchases from them could not make dollars available to them. Trade relations with other non-British countries depend largely upon the mutual foreign exchange positions.

On top of this lack of shipping space curtails the volume of export and also delays the shipment of commodities. These lead to the loss of foreign markets, especially when South American countries are striving hard to supplant the Dutch East Indies' export of tropical products.

Japan, realising the Dutch predicament, has increased her trade with Dutch East Indies. She partly diverted orders for certain supplies from the Dutch East Indies and supplanted Holland and other European countries in supplying goods to the Dutch East Indies.

A monetary agreement was concluded between the Java Bank and the Yokohama Specie Bank on December 24, 1940, whereby all Japanese Dutch transactions as from January 1, 1941, should be quoted in Japanese yen and settled by clearing. Under this agreement credit balances exceeding the fixed maximums in favour of one of the contracting parties would be settled in U.S. gold dollars.

Japan is now pressing hard the Dutch to accept the situation whereby the balance of trade will be favourable to Japan which will provide her with gold dollars for easing the financial situation and also the stringencies in foreign currencies. (Central News).

## RELIEF FUNDS FOR CHEKIANG

An additional \$500,000 will be appropriated by the National Relief Commission for relief in Chekiang as a result of the Japanese invasion there.

The fund, it is understood, will be entrusted to Mr. Chu Ying-kwang, Vice Chairman of the Commission, who will personally direct the relief work in the province in collaboration with the provincial authorities.

The Commission recently allocated \$500,000 for the purchase of rice for relief in Fukien. It is now learned that a large quantity of the staple has been purchased in Kiangsi and is being rushed to Fukien.

In view of the recent repeated Japanese bombings in widely scattered areas, the Commission has also decided to appropriate further sums for emergency relief.

Chengtu is expected to receive \$50,000, Loyang, \$100,000, while Lanchow and Sian will also receive varied amounts. (Central News).

## Medals For Builders Of Burma Road

The Yunnan Provincial Government will award gold or brass medals to the engineers and workers who were responsible for the completion of the Burma Road which is generally recognised as a remarkable engineering feat considering the magnitude of work and the short period of time taken. (Central News).

## WORLD'S RAREST STAMP

NEW YORK.—The world's rarest stamp, the only known copy of British Guiana's 1-cent magenta of 1856, listed in the Standard Stamp Catalogue as being worth \$50,000 was recently sold in New York by Mrs. Anna Hind Scala of Utica, N.Y., to R. H. Macy & Co., New York City department store, which operates a stamp department.

Macy's admitted the fact that the purchase was made on behalf of a client, but refused to disclose the price paid to Mrs. Scala. From a source considered reliable it was learned that Mrs. Scala received a cheque for \$40,000 when she brought the stamp from Utica and surrendered it to Macy's.

The late Arthur Hind bought the stamp for about \$32,500 at the French Government's auction of the famous Ferrary collection at Paris in 1921.

### NOT DISCLOSED

The identity of the collector who acquired the rarity was not immediately disclosed. For the "world's rarest stamp" to be in possession of a person who might desire to maintain continued anonymity will not be relished by philately, which has a special sentiment about this British colonial item, which King George V once aspired to acquire for the Royal collection.

The new owner has been informed of this but has reiterated his intention of keeping his identity a secret for the present. He refused permission for the stamp to be exhibited either at Macy's or the New York World's Fair and instructed Macy's that it be kept in a vault for the time being.

This new owner of the world's rarest stamp is understood to be an Australian, but it is said that he has no intention of taking the stamp back with him at this time.

In response to inquiries it was explained that if property of such value were taken to Australia while the Dominion was at war it would not be possible to take the stamp out of Australia for the duration of the war and indeed it might be subject to seizure during an emergency, and for that reason the owner preferred to let the stamp stay in the States until the European conflict ends.

## MINE FOUND ON N.S.W. BEACH

A German contact mine weighing a quarter of a ton was found on the beach at Budgewoi, 30 miles north of Gosford, New South Wales.

It was first seen by Walter Ray, a fisherman, floating near Bird Island, and when Ray returned early today he found the mine in a few inches of sand at the water's edge. It was 3ft. 6in. in diameter and most of its "horns" were either twisted or broken off, evidently as it was swept over the sand bar during the night.

An experienced naval officer, after seeing the mine today, said that something had gone wrong with the mechanism, for contact with the horns should have smashed the glass cylinders inside and caused the mine to explode.

The mine had apparently been in the sea about three weeks.

Officials guarded the mine and kept sightseers at a distance of 1,000-yd. until military and naval officials arrived.

## RELIEF FOR LOYANG RAID VICTIMS

LOYANG, May 25 (Central).—After receipt of reports from General Wei Li-huang, Chairman of the Honan Provincial Government, regarding the wanton Japanese air raids over Loyang, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek has telegraphed back to General Wei, instructing that \$150,000 (Chinese currency) be appropriated to relieve the air raid refugees.

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## NORTH ATLANTIC OPERATIONS

LONDON, May 26 (Reuters).—British naval operations in the North Atlantic are still proceeding with the object of bringing German forces to close action.

This was announced by the Admiralty yesterday evening.

A communique states that after Saturday's engagement, in which the British battle-cruiser Hood was blown up, the German forces made every effort to shake off pursuit.

Later in the evening, an attack by naval aircraft resulted in at least one torpedo hit on the enemy.

## NOBEL PRIZE FUND

The Nobel Prize Fund will distribute 131,496 Crowns in prizes this year, as compared to 138,569 Crowns at its disposal in 1940.

Besides the four prizes for Literature, Physics, Chemistry and Medicine which will be awarded in Stockholm next autumn, the Nobel Prize Fund will also be able to make use of last year's sum for it had been decided that owing to the international situation no prizes would be awarded in 1940.

The candidates for the 1940 prizes will be carried over to the date of the 1941 awards.

## Japanese Migration To Hainan Island

There are now 5,327 Japanese immigrants on Hainan Island, including 2,506 Japanese, 2,613 Formosans and 208 Koreans, according to an estimate. Most of them are ronins and ex-servicemen. (Central News).

## Quarantine Offices In Kwangsi

KWELIN, May 26 (Central).—The Kwangsi Provincial Government has instructed the different counties to establish quarantine offices before June 1 to prevent epidemics in the summer season.

## LITTLE THINGS LITTLE KNOWN

NEW YORK.—There are queer cargoes in Alaskan civil aeroplanes. Passengers, of course, and mail. Then everything from mining machinery and dynamite to Diesel engines. Dog teams are a common cargo—or it is cheaper to fly the dog team, sledge and supplies for trips over a hundred miles than it is to feed the dogs for that much of the trip.

Each year the sun burns the equivalent of 400,000,000,000,000,000 tons of coal, and for years scientists in sun-blessed regions have been trying to put some of this vast heat supply to work on earth. Machines have been built in California to snare sunlight, which use heat-gathering aluminum mirrors to boil water and make enough steam to run small motors.

A fly is stronger than a man in proportion to its size.

A gallon of sea water contains about a pound of salt.

It takes 14,000 tons of ore to produce one ounce of radium.

Mosquitoes, scientists say, are more likely to bite persons with fair skins than those of dark complexion.

Every sixty seconds 900,000,000 dust particles pass through the lungs of the average city dweller. Familiar posters printed on cotton instead of paper may soon be giving peace-time brightness to our streets. The cloth, made in Lancashire, has a special gloss surface which takes printing just as well as paper. The fabric is only slightly dearer than paper, and is considerably more durable.

### CHINESE MOTHS

Large Chinese moths have a wing span of nine inches. A flash of lightning may be as brief as one ten-millionth of a second.

British soldiers may have body armour made of bakelite, com-

## 37 YEAR OLD TORPEDO

A part of a torpedo used during the Russo-Japanese war was hauled up in a fishing net in the offing of Okinoshima, Fukuoka prefecture, a few days ago and brought back to Shimonoseki by a fisherman on Thursday, reports the Asahi.

Feeling something heavy in his net, the fisherman hauled it in and found the nose of a torpedo measuring about 4 feet in length. As the character, "Kure" and "1904" was inscribed on it, the torpedo is believed to have been used during the engagement with the Russian Baltic Fleet during the Russo-Japanese.

pressed fibre or similar material—half the weight of aluminum but with the same tensile strength—if the suggestions of Mr. Kennern Walker, a well-known Harley Street surgeon, are adopted. He stated he could produce pocket shields weighing two ounces to protect the heart.

The human skin contains more than two million openings, each of which is the outlet of a sweat gland. Each sweat duct is one-fourth of an inch from gland to surface of the skin.

Catgut does not come from cats. It is made from the intestines of sheep.

The average man consumes in a life-time food and water, about 1,400 times his own weight, or about 200,000 pounds.

The manner in which geography influences custom may be seen in the fact that, while sticking out the tongue is considered a gesture of derision in the West, it is an act of affectionate greeting in Tibet.

The codfish sheds five million eggs at a time. The sea would be packed with codfish if all these eggs were allowed to hatch, but most of them perish before hatching.

## HONGKONG SHARE QUOTATIONS

STOCK EXCHANGE, SHAREBROKERS' ASSOCIATION

Buyer	Seller	Sales	Normal	Monday 26 May	Buyer	Seller	Sales	Normal
<b>Banks</b>								
...	...	...	...	H.K. Banks	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Do. (Col. Reg.)	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Do. (Lon. Reg.)	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Chartered Banks	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Mercantile Bks. "A"	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Mercantile Bks. "C"	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	N. C. of East Asia	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	N. C. of S. Banks	...	...	...	...
<b>Insurance</b>								
...	...	...	...	Canton Insurance	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Union Insurance	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Underwriters	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	H.K. Fire	...	...	...	...
<b>Shipping</b>								
...	...	...	...	Douglases	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Steamboats	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Indo-China (Pref.)	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Indo-China (Def.)	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Shells	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Waterboats	...	...	...	...
<b>Docks, Wharves, Godowns, etc.</b>								
...	...	...	...	H.K. & K. Wharves	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Providentia	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	H.K. Docks (Old)	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	H.K. Docks (New)	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Shanghai Docks	...	...	...	...
<b>Mining</b>								
...	...	...	...	Kailans	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Ranhs	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Hong Kong Mines	...	...	...	...
<b>Lands, Hotels and Buildings</b>								
...	...	...	...	H.K. & S. Hotels	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	H.K. Lands	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Do. 4% Debentures	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Shanghai Lands	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	H.K. Realities	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Humphreys	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Chinese Estates	...	...	...	...
<b>Cotton Mills</b>								
...	...	...	...	Ewo (S.)	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	S'hai Cottons (S.)	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Zong Sings (S.)	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Wing On Textiles (S.)	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Public Utilities	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	H.K. Tramways	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Peak Trams (Old)	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Peak Trams (New)	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Star Ferries	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Y'mat Ferries	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	China Lights (O.)	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	China Lights (New)	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	H.K. Electric (Old)	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	H.K. Electric (New)	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	H.K. Electric (Rts)	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Macao Electric	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Sandakan Electric	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Sandakan Lights	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Telephones (Old)	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Telephones (New)	...	...	...	...
<b>Industrials</b>								
...	...	...	...	Cald. Macg. (Ord.) S.	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Cald. Macg. (Pref.) S.	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Canton Ice	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Cements	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	H.K. Rope	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	H.K. Govt. Loans	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	4% Loan	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	3 1/2% (1934)	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	3 1/2% (1940)	...	...	...	...
<b>Miscellaneous</b>								
...	...	...	...	Dairy Farms	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Entertainments	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Constructions (old)	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Constructions (new)	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Lane Crawford	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Nanyang Tobacco	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Sinco	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Watsons	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Ch. G.S. 1925 G.S. Bda	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	H.K. Wing On	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	S'hai Wing On	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Vibro Piling	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Marsmans Inv. (Lon)	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Marsmans Inv. (H.K.)	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Wm. Powell	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Lights Rta.	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	+Sale to Shanghai	...	...	...	...

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## FOREIGN MARKETS &amp; QUOTATIONS

## MONEY AND EXCHANGE

## CLOSING QUOTATIONS

MAY 26, 1941.

On London:—	Telegraphic Transfer, 1/3 7/8
Bank Bills, on demand 1/2 7/8	Credits 4 months' sight
On Shanghai:—	On demand 440
On Singapore:—	On demand 52 3/4
On Japan:—	On demand 102 1/2
On India:—	Telegraphic Transfer, 1/2 5/8
On New York:—	Bank Bills, on demand 24 1/8
Credits, 60 days' sight 24 7/8	On Batavia:—
On demand 46 1/4	On Paris:—
Bank Bills, on demand Nom.	Credits 4 months' sight Nom.
On Saigon:—	On demand 104 1/2
On Manila:—	On demand 46 1/4
On Bangkok:—	On demand 149 1/2
On Sterling Notes:—	Bank Buying Rate Nom.
Bar Silver per oz. 23 7/16	

## Market Report

FROM ROZA BROS.

Monday, May 26.  
Silver prices were quoted this morning at 23.7/16 for both Ready and Forward. American Silver was unquoted.

The London/New York cross-rate was quoted at 403 1/2.

## MARKET

Quiet.  
**STERLING**  
There were sellers at 1/3 July and probably August, buyers at 1/3 1/32 for any delivery.

## U. S. DOLLARS

Some business was done during the course of the morning at 24-7/16 for near and forward. The market closed at 1 p.m. with sellers at 24 7/16 for near and forward, buyers at 24 1/2 for near and forward.

## SHANGHAI DOLLARS

Opened with sellers at 451 1/4 with business done at 451. The market closed at lunch time with sellers at 450 1/2, buyers at 451.

## SHANGHAI MARKET

Sterling opened with sellers at 2 5/16 and closed, steadier with sellers at 3 21/64 for Spot. U.S. Dollars sellers were reported at 5 13/32 for Spot.

## AFTERNOON MARKET

Quiet.  
**STERLING**  
There were sellers at 1/3 up to August, buyers at 1/3 1/32 for any delivery.

## U. S. DOLLARS

Closed with sellers at 24 7/16 for near and forward, buyers at 24 1/2 for any delivery.

## SHANGHAI DOLLARS

Opened with sellers at 450 with some business done at 449 1/2. The market closed with sellers at 449, buyers at 449 1/2.

## SHANGHAI MARKET

Closed with sellers of Sterling at 3 21/64 and U.S. Dollars at 5 7/16 for Spot.

## Shanghai Exchange

Shanghai, May 26 (Reuters).

## Official T.T. Rates

	Opening	Closing
London	0/3-3/16	0/3-3/16
New York	5-3/16	5-3/16
Japan	22	22
India	17-5/8	17-5/8
Paris	nominal	nominal
Hongkong	21-1/8	21-1/8

## Sterling

	Spot	5-13/32	5-13/32
May	0/3-5/16	0/3-21/64	0/3-21/64
June	0/3-5/16	0/3-21/64	0/3-21/64
July	0/3-5/16	0/3-21/64	0/3-21/64

## U.S. Dollars

	Spot	5-13/32	5-13/32
May	5-13/32	5-13/32	5-13/32
June	5-13/32	5-13/32	5-13/32
July	5-13/32	5-13/32	5-13/32

## Silver Duty Rate

The Central Bank of China's rate on London at 10 a.m. today was 1/2-1/2d.  
The Equalisation rate was 24 per cent.

## NEW YORK COMMODITY MARKET

(REUTERS SERVICE)

NEW YORK, May 24, 1941.

	High	Low	Close	Change
New York Cotton, July	13.28	13.18	13.18	.02 up
New York Rubber, July	23.22	22.72	23.08	.38 off
Chicago Wheat, July	98 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	1/2 up
Chicago Corn, July	74 1/2	73 1/2	73 1/2	1/2 up
New York Hides, June	15.00	14.95	14.90N	.10 up

	Close	Change
NEW YORK COTTON		
July	13.18/20	.02 up
October	13.34/35	.02 off
December	13.38/39	.02 up
January	13.38 N	.01 up
March	13.41/41	.01 up
May	13.40 N	.02 up
Spot	13.50	.01 up

Total sales Friday: 237,300 bales.

	High	Low	Close	Change
NEW YORK RUBBER				
July (New contract)	23.08/12	22.70 N		.38 off
September	22.68/69	22.40/40		.28 off
December	22.20/20	21.95/95		.25 off
March	21.75 N	21.50/50		.25 off

Total sales for the day: 1,200 tons.

	High	Low	Close	Change
CHICAGO WHEAT				
July	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	1/2 up
September	98 1/2	98 1/2	98 1/2	1/2 up

Friday's sales: 13,593,000 bushels.

	High	Low	Close	Change
CHICAGO CORN				
July	73 1/2	73 1/2	73 1/2	1/2 up
September	74 1/2	74 1/2	74 1/2	1/2 up

	High	Low	Close	Change
NEW YORK HIDES				
June	14.90 N	15.00/00		.10 up
September	15.11/16	15.19/19		.08 up

Total sales for the day: 67 lots.

	High	Low	Close	Change
NEW YORK COCOA				
September	7.52 N	Closed		

	High	Low	Close	Change
NEW YORK SUGAR NO. 3				
July	2.43b/44a	2.43b/44a		unch.
September	2.46b/47a	2.46b/47a		unch.

Volume of business done: 20 lots.

	High	Low	Close	Change
NEW YORK SUGAR NO. 4				
July	83 1/2b/84a	84 1/2b/85a		.01 up

Volume of business done: 59 lots.

	High	Low	Close	Change
NEW YORK COPPER FUTURES				
July	11.75b/95a	11.75b/94a		unch.

	High	Low	Close	Change
NEW YORK COTTONSEED OIL				
July	10.58b/75a	10.70/70		.02 up

	High	Low	Close	Change
NEW YORK LARD				
September	10.00b	10.07/07		.07 up

	High	Low	Close	Change
NEW YORK BLACK PEPPER				
September	6.23/23	6.27b/30a		.04 up

The First Notice Day for September black pepper is Aug. 26 and last trading day is September 23.

	High	Low	Close	Change
N.Y. Official Silver	34-3/4	unquoted		
N.Y.-London Cross Rate	4.03-1/2	4.03-1/2		

## LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

(REUTERS SERVICE)

London, May 23.

	High	Low	Close	Change
War Loan, 3 1/2% (Red, after 1962)	103-9/16			
Defence Loan, 3%	101 1/2			
London-K'loon, 3%	9			
Chinese 4 1/2% Gold Loan 1898 (Brit. Issue)	38			
Chinese 5% Gold Bonds, 1925/47	38			
China, 4 1/2% Anglo-French Loan 1908	37			
Chinese 5% Crisp Loan, 1912	21			
Chinese 5% Reorg. Loan, 1913 (Ldn. Is.)	29			
Chinese 8% Ster. Notes, 1925 (Vickers)	7-9			
China Imperial Ry. 5% Loan	48			
Hankow Ry. 5%	10			
Hankow Ry. 5%, 1911 (L.P. N.Y. Issue)	14			
Hankow Ry. 5%, 1911 (German Issue)	13			
Lung Tsing & U. Hai Ry. 5% 1913	9			
Shanghai-Nanking Ry. 5% (Brit. Stpd.)	14			
Tientsin-Pukow Ry. 5% (Brit. Stpd.)	10			
Tientsin-Pukow Ry. 5% (German Stpd.)	10			
Tientsin-Pukow Ry. 5% (Brit. Stpd. Supl. Loan)	10			
Tientsin-Pukow Ry. 5% (Ger. Stpd. Supl. Loan)	10			
Jap. 6% Ster. Loan, 1924	22 1/2-27			
Ger. 7% Intl. Loan, 1924	5			
Chartered Bank (Ldn.)	8 1/2			
H.K. & Shanghai Bank (Ldn.)	75			
Reg., H.K. & Shanghai Bank (Col. Reg.)	76			
Chinese Eng. & Mining (bearer)	11-1/2			
Chosen Corporation	4-1/2			
Mercantile Bank of India, 25, "G"	11			
Pekin Syndicate	1-1/2			

## NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

## QUOTATION

(REUTERS SERVICE)

MAY 25, 1941.

STOCKS	Last Sale	STOCKS	Last Sale
Adams Express	53 1/2	Kennecott Copper	35 1/2
Allegheny Steel Co.	21 1/2	Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass	30
Allis Chalmers	26 1/2	Lockheed Aircraft	21 1/2
Amer. Can.	79 1/2	Loew's Inc.	28 1/2
American Cyanamid B	36 1/2	Martin, Glen L.	28 1/2
Amer. & Foreign Power	1 1/2	Montgomery Ward	33 1/2
Amer. & Foreign \$7 pf.	17 1/2	National Aviation	7 1/2
Amer. Locomotive	11 1/2	Nat. Dairy Products	13
Amer. Metals Co.	17 1/2	National Distillers	19 1/2
Amer. Radiator	9 1/2	Nat. Power & Light	6
Amer. Rolling Mill	13 1/2	National Supply Corp.	5 1/2
Amer. S'ing and Ring Co.	40	New York Central	12 1/2
Amer. Sugar Refining	14 1/2	Niagara Hudson Power	2 1/2
Amer. Tel. & Tel.	150 1/2	N. American Aviation	12 1/2
Amer. Tobacco "B"	63	Northern American Co.	12 1/2
Amer. Waterworks	4 1/2	Northern Pacific	6 1/2
Anaconda Copper	25 1/2	Packard Motors	3 1/2
Atchafalpa, T. & S. Fe.	27	Paramount Pictures	10 1/2
Aviation Corp.	3	Pennsylvania R.R.	23 1/2
Baldwin Locomotive	13	Phillips Petroleum	41 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio	3 1/2	Pullman Inc.	27 1/2
Barnes Oil	9 1/2	Pure Oil	38 1/2
Bendix Aviation	3 1/2	Radio Corp. of Am.	3 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	70	Reading Company, Com	41 1/2
Bliss & Co.	14 1/2	Remington Arms Co., Inc.	41 1/2
Boeing Airplane Co.	13 1/2	Republic Aviation Corp.	3 1/2
Borg-Warner	16 1/2	Republic Steel	18
Briggs Mfg.	19 1/2	Reynold Tobac. "B"	29
Budd Manufacturing Corp.	3 1/2	Schenley Distillers	9 1/2
Canadian Pacific R'way	31	Shell Union Oil	14 1/2
Celanese	19 1/2	Southern Vacuum Oil	9 1/2
Chesapeake & Ohio	35 1/2	Southern Pacific	11 1/2
Chrysler Corp.	56 1/2	Southern Ry \$5 pf.	23 1/2
Columbia Gas & Elec.	24	Spicer Manufacturing Co.	28 1/2
Commercial Credit Co.	22 1/2	Standard Brands	5 1/2
Com. & Southern (Ord.)	5 1/2	Stand Gas & Elec.	7 1/2
Consolidated Edison	17 1/2	Standard Oil of N.J.	36 1/2
Consolidated Oil	6 1/2	Studebaker Com.	4 1/2
Copperweld Steel	13 1/2	Swift International	18 1/2
Curtiss Wright (C.)	7 1/2	Technicolor	8 1/2
Douglas Aircraft	66 1/2	Texas Corp.	39
Du Pont de Nemours	143 1/2	Trans-America Co.	4 1/2
Eagle Pitcher Lead	7 1/2	20th Cent. Fox	5 1/2
Elec. Autolite	26	Union Bag & Paper Corp.	10 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share	2	Union Pacific	39 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share \$5 pf.	54 1/2	United Aircraft	39 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share \$6 pf.	59 1/2	United Airmails	9 1/2
Elec. Power & Light \$7 pf.	33 1/2	United Corp.	1 1/2
Flintkote	12 1/2	United Corp. \$3 cum pf.	21 1/2
Gen. Electric	29	United Gas Improvement	7
Gen. Motors	37 1/2	U.S. Rubber	21 1/2
Gen. Railway Signal	12 1/2	U.S. Steel	52 1/2
Gen. Tire & Rubber	10 1/2	Vanadium	23 1/2
Goodrich (B.F.)	12 1/2	Valve's Aircraft	5 1/2
Goodyear Tire & Co.	16 1/2	Walworth Co.	4 1/2
Great Northern Iron Ore	15	Warner Bros. Pict.	3 1/2
Great Northern Ry. pf.	25 1/2	Westinghouse Elec.	88 1/2
Great Western Sugar	23 1/2	Woodward Iron Cor.	28 1/2
Int. Nickel	34 1/2	Chase National Bank	28 1/2
Inter. Paper & Power	13 1/2	National City Bank	24 1/2
Int. Tel. & Tel.	24 1/2	Libby, Monell & Libby	—
Johnsman	58		

## DOW JONES AVERAGE

	1940/41	May 23	High	Low	Close	Change
High	162.80	111.84	30	116.73	116.90	.16
Low	32.67	22.15	20	27.75	27.78	.03
Industrials	38.45	18.90	20	18.90	17.01	.09
Rails	92.19	83.06	40	91.15	91.16	.01
Utilities	89.76	49.74	11	68.87	68.90	.03
Bonds						
Commodity Index						

Business Done: 160,000 shares.

## GAS-CHARGED TREES

SYDNEY.—A station hand on a Queensland selection recently discovered a totally unexpected gas supply chopping down young saplings for stumps he detected a hissing noise, followed by an escape of gas! Feeling another sapling the same thing occurred.

Experimenting, the tree-feller struck a match and held it close against the hollowed out cut. Flaring up it burned with the fierceness of a blowtorch for several minutes. The fact that this district abounds in shale, from which oil and petrol have been successfully extracted on a locally con-

## HONGKONG SHAREBROKERS ASSOCIATION

Volume of Business Transacted on Monday, May 26, 1941.

	SALES
H.K. Banks	5 \$1,310.00
Cements	500 13.50
H.K. Docks	100 14.80
	200 14.80
H.K. Electrics Rts.	100 11.00
	50 11.00

The total value is \$19,390.00.

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## H.K. POLICE RESERVE

Orders by the Hon. Mr. J. P. Penfather-Evans, Commissioner of Police

### APPOINTMENTS

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to make the following appointments in the Hongkong Police Reserve.

Mr. William Richard Chester-Woods temporarily to act as Assistant Superintendent of Police, with effect from April 9, 1941.

Mr. William Richard Chester-Woods to be Adjutant of the Hongkong Police Reserve, with effect from April 9, 1941.

Mr. Ts'o Tsun On to be promoted to Senior Superintendent of Police Reserve, and Officer Commanding Chinese Company, Police Reserve, with effect from April 9, 1941.

### GENERAL

All N. C. Os. will attend the Lecture Room, Reserve Headquarters on Wednesday, May 28, immediately following the Drill Parade for a talk by the Adjutant, Police Reserve.

### CHINESE COMPANY

Training Course—Part I: Those detailed will attend at Murray Parade Ground for instruction in Part I of Training Course on Wednesday, May 28 at 17.15 hours sharp. Dress—Khaki Uniform.

Leave: Constable (R) 139 Chan Wai Shun has been granted ten days leave of absence as from May 23, 1941.

### INDIAN COMPANY

Death. The Honourable Commissioner of Police regrets to have to record the death of Constable (R) 731 Ali Abdullah who served in the Indian Company, Police Reserve from September, 12, 1940 to the date of his death May 1, 1941.

Training Course—Part I: Those detailed will attend at Murray Parade Ground for instruction in Part I of Training Course on Wednesday, May 28 at 17.15 hours sharp. Dress—Khaki Uniform.

Training Course—Part II: Those detailed will attend Reserve Headquarters for Part II of Training Course under Police Sergeant (R) 269 Imam Din on Friday, May 30 at 17.15 hours sharp.

Patrol Duty: Patrol duties will be carried out as ordered.

### FLYING SQUAD

Training Course—Part I: Those detailed will attend at Murray Parade Ground for instruction in Part I Training Course on Wednesday, May 28 at 17.15 hours sharp. Dress—Khaki Uniform. Steel Helmets and Riot Batons to be carried.

Patrol Duty: Patrol duties will be carried out as ordered.

### EMERGENCY UNIT RESERVE

Training Course—Part I: All ranks of the "B" Company will parade at Murray Parade Ground under Acting Inspector (R) M. A. de Sousa on Wednesday, May 28 at 17.15 hours for Part I of Training Course. Dress—Khaki Uniform, and Cap with Khaki Cover. Riot Drill: All ranks of Squads 1 to 3 of Hongkong Section will attend Kennedy Road on Friday, May 30 for Riot Drill under Acting

## MAKING AEROPLANES VISIBLE AT NIGHT

A device designed to make visible enemy aeroplanes at night or through fog is the subject of an American patent, states the New York Times. Patent rights to the instrument, which is also said to permit pilots to make safe landings, and ships to become visible in fog, are assigned to the Radio Corporation of America.

The device comprises a supersensitive infra-red ray detector, which makes objects visible by the infra-red rays or "heat waves" which emanate from motors.

The ordinarily invisible object reveals itself as a glowing image on a fluorescent or luminescent screen. The screen comprises a "pane" of quartz on which is a coating of a luminescent substance such as zinc or magnesium sulphate.

Between the coating and quartz pane are fine parallel wires. When an electric current is passed through the wires, the screen gives off a faint, uniform glow due to the gradual release of energy stored in the coating. In this condition the screen is highly sensitised to infra-red rays.

In detecting the presence of aeroplanes at night the screen is faced skyward. Since the exhaust manifolds of motors give off infra-red rays, when such rays strike the sensitised detector they cause a sudden increased release of light energy from the fluorescent screen. The area struck by the rays reveals itself as a glowing image of the plane, which is brighter than the remaining areas of the screen.

In the same way, it is said, infra-red ray generators placed along airfields and on ships would permit pilots in fogs to see on the detector the outline of the air-port or a ship, whichever the case may be, since infra-red rays penetrate fog. Instead of sensitising the detector by electric current, it can also be sensitised to infra-red rays by focusing invisible ultraviolet rays on it, the patent reveals.

### SOUND DETECTOR

A selective sound wave receiver which picks up sounds coming only from certain directions and thus may locate the direction in which enemy planes are heading has been developed by the Bell Telephone Laboratories, Inc. It is revealed.

Because it eliminates sounds coming from other directions than toward which it is pointed, the device is said to have directional sensitivity.

It comprises a cluster of open-ended tubes of progressively varying lengths, stacked close together so that the open ends, from the shortest to the longest tube, form an ascending spiral. The longest tube has a length equal to the wave length of the lowest frequency of sound to be picked up.

Inspector (R) M. A. de Sousa, Van will leave Reserve Headquarters at 17.05 hours sharp. Dress—Khaki Uniform.

Training Course—Part III: All members of the "B" Company who have not yet qualified in Part III of Training Course will attend Police Reserve Headquarters at 17.05 hours sharp on Thursday, May 29 for instruction under Police Sergeant (R) 444 W. E. Dornabjee.

Patrol Duty: Patrol duties will be carried out as ordered.

W. R. CHESTER-WOODS, Adjutant, Police Reserve.

May 26, 1941.

### HONG KONG TIDE TABLE

From 27 May to 2 June 1941.

High Water		Low Water	
Days of Week	Days of Month	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height
Tues.	27	09 34	7 1
Wed.	28	23 54	4 4
Thu.	29	00 07	4 3
Fri.	30	10 24	7 3
Sat.	31	00 02	4 3
Sun.	1	11 02	7 1
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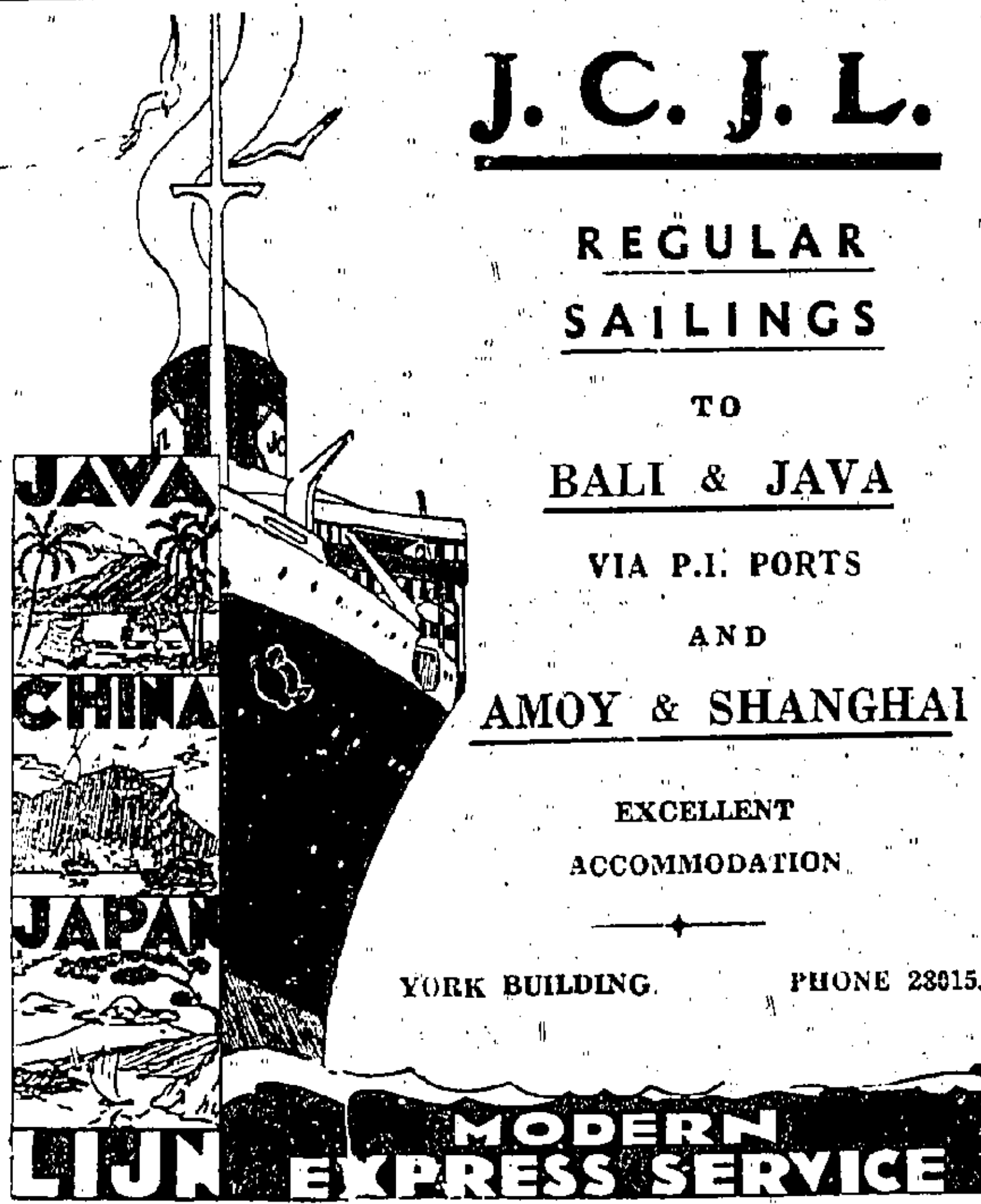
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## KIANGSI RICE FOR FUKIEN RELIEF

In order to relieve the shortage of rice in Fukien and to afford relief to the refugees fleeing Fochow, the Fukien Reconstruction Association and the Fukien Provincial Guild here have obtained an appropriation from the National Government for relief purposes.

Messrs. Chin Wang-shan, Hu Kung-kun and Liu Tung, members of the two organisations, have been commissioned to return to Fukien to assist in the execution of the relief measures. It is understood that while passing, Kiangsi en route to Fukien, they have made an arrangement with the Kiangsi Provincial Government for the purchase of 40,000 piculs of rice, and 10,000 piculs of cereals, which will be transported to Fukien shortly.

### INSPECT CONDITIONS

Since their arrival in Fukien a week ago, Messrs. Ku Yu-hsin, Mei Kung-jen and three other members of the commission appointed by the National Government have been inspecting conditions in various parts of the province.

Mr. Chu Ying-kwang, Vice-Chairman of the National Relief Commission, is busily inspecting local relief organs and conferring with the provincial authorities on relief measures during the past few days.—(Central News)

## JAPANESE LINES SHATTERED

Heavy fighting has been raging in the hilly regions to the north-west of Fochow during the last two days. With their lines shattered the Japanese fled eastward, abandoning many bodies.

### DOUBLE-CROSSED

An interesting story of how a Chinese company commander Captain Lu Cheng-li captured by the Japanese during fighting in north Kiangsi double-crossed the enemy and escaped with 40 puppet soldiers and a bride chosen for him by the Japanese is revealed.

In spite of coercion and torture Captain Lu refused to surrender after he was taken prisoner. When these oppressive measures failed, the Japanese married him to a woman clerk of the so-called Nanchang Peace Maintenance Committee, hoping thereby that he would ultimately surrender.

After being married for about half a year, Captain Lu succeeded in persuading his wife and 40 puppet soldiers to flee with him. They have arrived at an undisclosed place and surrendered to the Chinese Government troops with four machine-guns and 40 rifles.—(Central News)

## COMFORTS FOR TROOPS

SIMLA, May 26 (Reuter).—A large variety of comforts have been sent from India to troops in the Middle East.

A consignment from Karachi included 600,000 country-made cigarettes, 100,000 cigarettes and large numbers of periodicals and cases of sweets.

Gifts were also sent last month to troops in Malaya.

## WOP GENERALS CAPTURED

CAIRO, May 26 (Reuter).—General Libardi, Commander of the Italian 25th Division, and General Baccari, Commander of the 101st Regiment, are included in the prisoners taken at Suddu on May 22. It is officially announced.

In the Madaga area between Dessie and Gondar, patriots, under British officers, captured a force of 800 Italians, also on May 22.

## Badminton Players "Get The Bird"

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—A foursome of badminton players literally "got the bird" in a recent game here. Joe Eaton, Neal Clin, Herbie Koch and Bill Bryan were playing on an indoor court with one window open because of the balmy weather.

Suddenly a sparrow flew in and darted back and forth across the players that they abandoned the net. This was so confusing to the shuttlecock and concentrated on getting the live bird out of the way.

## 74 YESTERDAY



QUEEN MARY celebrated her 74th birthday yesterday, says British Wireless. Her Majesty spent the day quietly at her country residence where the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester are staying with her. The Queen Mother is enjoying extremely good health and is fully maintaining her customary activities.

Replying to a message of good wishes from the Lord Mayor of London (Sir George Wilkinson), Her Majesty said: "Much as I grieve to think of the scars of war in our city, no words can express my admiration for the great determination and indomitable courage shown by our citizens. I am proud that they should remember me today."

## More Funds For Relief Of Victims Of Japanese Bombing

In view of the recent widespread Japanese aerial bombings in Chekiang and Fukien and in various cities in the interior and the extensive suffering caused to the civilian population, the National Relief Commission has appropriated further large sums for the emergency relief of the victims.

An additional sum of \$500,000 has been appropriated to Chekiang and Mr. Chu Ying-kwang, Vice-Chairman of the Commission, now visiting in Chekiang, his native province, has been instructed to supervise the administration of the fund in conjunction with the Chekiang provincial Government.

As regards Fukien, the Commission has granted \$500,000 for the purchase of foodstuffs from Kiangsi to be distributed among the refugees.

A sum of \$50,000 was appropriated to Chengtu, capital of Szechwan, \$100,000 to Loyang, capital of Honan, and large sums were also appropriated to Lanchow and Sian capitals of Kansu and Shensi respectively.—(Central News)

## FAMOUS ARTISTS SPRUCE UP LONDON STUDIOS

LONDON.—Famous artists can be seen almost daily in the streets of London—working patiently and diligently on storefronts.

When the bombs have fallen, and store fronts have been blown in, it is the customary practice of all storekeepers, whether owners or expensive flourishing concerns or small domestic stores, to have their windows boarded in, leaving only a small "peephole" of glass—about two feet square in the centre for customers to view their goods through.

Realising what a poor attraction plain boards offer, storekeepers are employing some of the finest artists in Britain to artistically decorate, in suitable themes, their rather depressing shop fronts.

With Spring here the designs are many and varied, colourful, and reserved.

Outfitters are displaying gaily painted pictures of frisky lambs scampering among green tufts of grass—the whole picture interwoven with pieces of "painted yellow ribbon," and sport stores appear to appreciate sketches of athletes on their boarded fronts in various active poses.

Other shop fronts are brightly decorated with trees, lakes, flowers and birds of all member and hues.

London's example has spread, and art students in the provinces are decorating their own boarded shop fronts with similar designs.

## NEW OVERSEAS CHINESE BODY TO BE FORMED

A group of Chinese in Hongkong who are engaged in productive enterprises and interested in the economic reconstruction of China will shortly establish an Overseas Chinese Productive Reconstruction Association here with branches in various places abroad.

The Association will have as its main duty the extension of help to overseas Chinese to start industrial enterprises or to make capital investments in China. It will also assist overseas Chinese children to return to China for education, recommend positions for unemployed overseas Chinese, investigate their living conditions and business and furnish data concerning them.

About 100 prominent Chinese, mostly leading merchants in Hongkong and in the South Sea regions, have signed up as members, while the campaign for more members is still in full force. Membership is not limited to those in Hongkong only.

## CANADIAN ARMS PROGRAMME

Fourteen types of guns and ten types of carriages or mountings "are being produced or will be produced very shortly," Mr. H. J. Carmichael, joint director-general of munitions production, said in a recent address on the Canadian arms programme.

Expressing appreciation and gratitude for the "splendid effort and co-operation" of Canadian labour in production of wartime necessities, he said: "We know we have the fullest and keenest support of all those engaged in armament work."

Following are a few excerpts on armament production from his speech:

"We are going to manufacture in Canada two types of anti-aircraft guns of the most modern design the world knows. The Germans avoid areas where these guns are as they would poison. Barrels are already being produced while entire guns will be manufactured by October of this year."

"Two types of anti-tank guns will be made in Canada. On one type delivery was scheduled for April and carriages by June. The second type is scheduled for delivery in October."

"Two types of field guns are being manufactured and the first complete gun with carriage will be produced the latter part of May with maximum production expected before the end of the year." The second type will go into production in November with maximum production by the early part of 1942.

### THREE TYFFS

Three types of mortars are being produced; one is in production now, the second enters production in June and the third in September.

"Four types of naval guns are to be made and four types of mountings. The larger naval guns with their mountings will be produced early next year; the small type will be in production by July or August."

"Twin mountings for naval guns will start production in the latter half of 1941. This is probably in the most intricate piece of mechanism from a gun standpoint that will be produced in Canada."

Mr. Carmichael said that in regard to ammunition Canada was turning out fuses, shells, cartridge cases and primers "in their hundreds of thousands." Small arms ammunition is being made "by the millions."

"Arrangements have already been made to send to the United Kingdom complete filled rounds ready for immediate use in the guns they are suited for," he continued.

As an idea of the magnitude of the Canadian small arms programme Mr. Carmichael said as far as he could learn the United States programme did not anticipate production greater than 25,000 units a year from any of the several plants now in production or being constructed. "Ours will soon be producing 147,500," he said.

## U.S. FIRST SAW GOLF IN 1888

In the winter of 1887-1888, Robert Lockhart, a Scot who had learned golf in his homeland, brought over the first golf balls and clubs ever seen in America. There is a legend (denied by his son) that Lockhart was arrested for disturbing the peace when he tried out the equipment in New York City.

## FOREIGN MAILS

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